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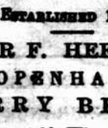

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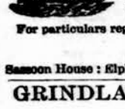

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 19.

REUTER'S financial telegram of yesterday evening reports the English and French Funds unchanged, at 98⅛ for Consols; and 97⅛ for Rentes; but Paris Exchange in London was a shade higher, at fcs. 25·18. The price of Bar Silver in London receded ¼d. per oz., say to 33½; and, in New York, the metal was a cent cheaper, at 72 cents per oz.; demand Exchange in London having further advanced half-a-cent to 4·85 dollars. Four per cent. Rupee Securities were unchanged in London, at £69¼. The Exchange Banks' buying rate in India, at 30 days' sight, remained at 1s. 3½d.

An advance of 1-16d. per lb. took place in the price of spot American Cotton in Liverpool yesterday, at 4 9-16d. per lb.; but other ready Cotton was unchanged in value; and American Arrivals were unaltered in all positions. The market closed firm; Surats quiet; and Arrivals quiet but steady; the day's Sales having aggregated 7,000 bales inclusive of 400 East Indians. The day's Imports were 3,000 bales. The Manchester market was firm. "Fine" Broach at Havre was a franc higher, at fcs. 53.

In New York, 8 3-16 cents per lb. was still the value of ready Mid-Uplands; but September Futures were 9 points lower; at 8·03 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 1,000 bales; and the following comparison is now shown between the figures for the present season, and those in the two preceding years for the same time:—

| | 1893. | 1892. | 1891. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesday's Receipts..... | 1,000 | 3,500 | 2,300 |
| Three days' do. ..... | 4,000 | 6,700 | 4,700 |
| Since 1st Sept., 1892.....4,965,000 | | 7,034,600 | 6,877,400 |

Here, Cotton has been steady in tone to-day at previous quotations, and a moderate business has been done in both directions. Exporters have bought 650 bales, consisting of 500 Dhulia, at Rs. 193-207; 100 Wadwan, at Rs. 197; and 50 Oomras, at 207; while the Mills have taken 1,000 bales, made up of 300 Barsee, at Rs. 199½; 200 Bhagulkote, at Rs. 177; and 100 each of Dhulia at Rs. 164½; Pachora, at Rs. 175; Dharwar, at Rs. 195½; Broach, at Rs. 215; and Khangaum, at Rs. 188 per candy.

WHEAT and SEEDS, on the other hand, remain very quiet, with only a small export business passing; but quotations, in both markets, are all unchanged.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

| | | |
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| Cotton..... | 1,355 | bales. |
| Wheat..... | 3,078 | cwts. |
| Linseed ..... | 2,206 | „ |
| Rapeseed ..... | 11,004 | „ |
| Poppyseed..... | 2,498 | „ |
| Castorseed..... | 3,867 | „ |
| Rice ..... | 25,725 | „ |

FREIGHTS are very quiet at nominally previous rates; but these lack the test of actual business, no fresh transactions of any importance having transpired to-day.

EXCHANGE was quiet again at opening this morning, at 1s. 3⅛d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, without, however, any transactions being reported at this rate, which was available throughout the day. For three months' sight Credits the rate has been 1s. 3 13-16d. for delivery this year, and 1s. 3 27-32d. for next year, at which we have heard of a few Merchants Bills being placed; but the business passing remains very limited. We quote as follows:—

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|---|---|---|
| Bank Bills on Demand | ...1s. 3 21-32d. | per rupee. |
| Do. Telegraphic | ...1s. 3 5-8d. | „ |
| Do. 3 months' sight | ..1s. 3 23-32d. | „ |
| Credits do. | ...1s. 3 13-16d. | „ |
| Francs do. | ...1·66 | „ |

GOVERNMENT PAPER remained firm throughout the day, at 107⅛ for Fours for cash, to which level the rate for the next settlement also advanced; but towards the close some further improvement took place, and the price for Money left off at 107 5-16.

SHARES.—Cotton Mill Scrip continues its downward movement, and we have to report a further decline of Rs. 50 in Sholapore Mill Share; of Rs. 30 in Central India; of Rs. 25 in Brittania; of Rs. 20 each in David, Hindustan, Jevraz Balloo, and Oriental; of Rs. 15 each in Alliance, Khandeish, and Khatao Mucconji; of Rs. 10 each, in Connaught, Framji Petit, and James Greaves; of Rs. 5 in City of Bombay; and of Rs. 2 in Anglo-Indian. On the other hand, New Great Eastern have advanced Rs. 45; Maneckji Petit, Rs. 15; and Luckmidas, Rs. 5. Press and Miscelaneous shares are unchanged. Bank of Bombay shares are now quoted at 1,130 per share.

### TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

JULY 19.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

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(Difference in longitude allowed for)

| Via. | Latest Date. D. | H. | M. | Time occupied in transmission. Hours. | Minutes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey ..... | 18 | 7 | 38 p.m. | 14 | 10 |
| Teheran ..... | 19 | 2 | 4 p.m. | 1 | 5 |
| Suez ..... | 19 | 2 | 50 p.m. | ... | 9 |

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay, during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., on 19th July, 1893.

| | Maximum Time. H. | M. | Minimum. H. | M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Calcutta ..... | 1 | 19 | ... | 2 |
| „ Kurrachee ..... | — | 21 | ... | 1 |
| „ Madras ..... | 1 | 15 | ... | 1 |

### I. M. R. TRAFFIC RETURN.

(Week ending July 8, 1893.)

| DESCRIPTION. | 1893. | 1892. | Inc. for the week. | Dec. for the week. | Aggregate Inc. | Aggregate Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miles Open .. | 752 | 752 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Passengers, Parcels, &c. | 38,534 | 39,183 | .. | 349 | ... | 349 |
| Goods ..... | 33,686 | 48,607 | ... | 14,921 | .. | 14,921 |
| Other earnings ..... | 2,812 | 5,497 | ... | 2,685 | ... | 2,685 |
| Weekly total. | 75,332 | 93,287 | .. | 17,955 | ... | .. |
| Aggregate .. | 75,332 | 93,287 | ... | ... | .. | 17,955 |

### RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

[Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindhia-Neemuch, Rewari-Ferozepore and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.]

Approximate return of traffic for week ended July 8, 1893, on 1,674·02 miles open.

| | Coaching Traffic Receipts. | Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts. | Other Earnings [estimated.] | Total Earnings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Total traffic for the week ..... | 1,14,000 | 1,95,000 | 4,000 | 3,13,000 |
| Or per mile of Railway ..... | 68 | 117 | 2 | 187 |
| For previous period of half-year ..... | 16,000 | 40,000 | 1,000 | 57,000 |
| Total for 1 week .... | 1,30,000 | 2,35,000 | 5,000 | 3,70,000 |
| Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year. .... | 1,02,752 | 3,00,197 | 5,354 | 4,08,303 |
| Per mile of Ry do. | 61 | 179 | 4 | 244 |
| Total to corresponding date do. | 1,22,109 | 3,85,998 | 7,527 | 5,25,634 |

Decrease for the week..... Rs. 95,303
Ditto to Date..... „ 1,55,601

### THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 18.

10 p.m. ... 80·9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19.

6 a.m. ... 79·8
10 a.m. ... 82·8
2 p.m. ... 84·2
4 p.m. ... 75·5

## DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE OF NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HENDERSON.—July 11, at the Acacias, Simla, the wife of J. J. Henderson, Esq., of a son.

GREEN.—June 25, at Calcutta, the wife of Sergt-Instructor J. Green, E. B. S. Railway Volunteers, Rajbari, of a daughter.

McDONELL.—July 6, at Nundungatchy, Rajshahye, the wife of W. F. McDonell, of a daughter.

RICE.—June 22, at Fort Munro, the wife of Lieutenant H. A. Rice, 1st Sikhs, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

McDONELL.—July 15, at Calcutta, Mary (May) Caroline wife of W. F. McDonell, of Nundungatchy Factory, Rajshahye.

NELSON.—June 13, at Kendal, Upper Burma, from Malarial fever, contracted in the Chin Hills, Hamilton Nelson, Esq., Burma Police.


# The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1893.


THE fifty-first report of the Bank of Bombay gives a highly satisfactory statement of the result of the business done during the first half of the present year. The transactions of the six months ending on the 30th June gave a net profit of over ten lakhs, which with the balance carried over from the previous half-year makes close upon eleven lakhs and a-half at the disposal of the directors. It is the more remarkable that such a handsome profit should have been secured on the half-year's transactions, seeing that as the report mentions trade was dull during the first three months, and rates of interest and discount were very low. In the second quarter, indeed, trade became more active, and the Secretary of State's firmness in holding out for a minimum rate for Council Bills—in striking contrast with his action since the rupee rate was fixed by a legislative act at sixteen pence—increased the demand for money, and higher interest was obtainable. The Banks resources did not lie idle, and the average rate, though moderate, yielded a gratifying total of ten lakhs profit. It has been decided to declare a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, which with income-tax will take five lakhs; to place three lakhs and a-half to the credit of the reserve fund, which will now amount to forty-one lakhs; allocate half-a-lakh to the pension fund and for bonus to the employés, some two lakhs and a-half being carried forward to the next half-year. The eleven lakhs and a-half of available profits amount to 23 per cent. on the capital of the Bank—one crore paid-up. Some murmurs have been heard that a dividend of at least twelve per cent. has not been declared instead of carrying forward so large a sum to the reserve fund, which with the addition now made to it amounts to forty-one per cent. on the capital. The net earnings of the half-year—Rs. 10,04,353—give 20 per cent. on the capital, and there is a certain plausibility in the representation that a larger dividend than 10 per cent. might be declared, the more especially as in former years the 10 per cent. limit was not usually observed, 10½ per cent. having been distributed in 1888 and in 1889, and 11½ per cent. in 1890. But since the latter year the directors have acted on the principle that it is a greater advantage to the shareholders to have a fixed dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, than a fluctuating rate of interest which if it might at times exceed ten per cent. would possibly in other years fall below it. Every shareholder is now satisfied that the next half-year will yield a second dividend equal to that which has just been received, for the considerable balance carried over leaves only two and a-half lakhs to be earned to secure the 10 per cent.

The strengthening of the reserve fund is a similar and equally necessary guarantee against the vicissitudes of the future. With a reserve fund of forty-one crores the Bank will hold a very strong position in the face of adverse fortune, if it should threaten. It is not to be supposed that in these times even a great war would reduce any Bank—and least of all a Bank with a reserve nearly equal to a moiety of its capital—to the plight in which the Bank of England found itself during the struggle with revolutionary France, when there was such a run for gold, that to stave off the closing of the doors, all demands were paid in six-pences! That device not succeeding, the Government of the day issued an Order in Council to suspend cash payments, and for twenty-four years the Bank of England was unable to resume payments in gold—or even in six-pences—all its obligations being discharged in inconvertible paper. Wars do not now last so long, and the evil they do is not so irreparable; but the possibility that periods of depression may come cannot be prudently left out of view when the opportunity presents itself for making provision against the unforeseen. It is incumbent on financial institutions, which like the Presidency Banks are the support and mainstay of many important interests, that they shall place themselves so far as may be in a position to weather any storm, so that they can inspire confidence when it is most needed. From the more limited point of view of the average shareholder it can be shown that it is not at all to his detriment that the dividends are as far as possible made independent of the accident of a bad season, or other contingency which no foresight can guard against. The speculator who buys for a rise when an exceptional dividend is expected, and sells out when he is disappointed, or has obtained the momentary gain which he alone cares for, is of course not likely to be convinced by any reasoning that a dividend which might have been at the rate of 23 per cent. should be restricted to less than half that amount. He would let the future take care of itself. But it is precisely because the future should not be left altogether to chance that the voice of the speculator is refused a hearing when matters of the kind come to be considered. The Bank of Bombay which has made large profits in a bad season has been equally fortunate in having made no losses. The absence of loss during the half-year is especially to be noted, for the great fluctuation in the price of cotton seriously disturbed credit, and occasioned heavy losses in the bazaar. But no bad debts have been incurred in any of the recent years, in which the portentous fall of exchange has so often baffled all calculations.

This is a further testimony to the fact that the affairs of the Bank have been administered with equal ability and prudence by Mr. J. H. Sleigh and his coadjutors. It is not to their discredit that while all three of the Presidency Banks have done well, the Bank of Bombay has done best. The Bank of Bengal has a larger sphere in which to operate, and a capital of two crores—double that of the Bombay Presidency Bank. In the half-year ending the 30th June the profits—including Rs. 1,80,486 brought over from the previous half-year, amounted to the fine total of close upon eighteen lakhs equal to 18 per cent. on the capital. To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. ten lakhs were required; three lakhs were transferred to the reserve fund, seventy-five thousand rupees to the pensions and gratuities, and over four lakhs were carried over to the next half-year. The reserve fund of the Bank of Bengal is fifty-two lakhs—twenty-six per cent. on the capital. The Bank of Madras with a capital of half-a-crore, made a profit of four lakhs, which with seventy thousand rupees brought forward gave sixteen per cent. on capital. This Bank also paid a dividend of 10 per cent., for which two and a-half lakhs were required. A little over a lakh and a-half was carried forward. The reserve fund was not increased, it stands at fourteen lakhs—twenty-eight per cent. on capital. Thus it can be seen that the earnings and the reserve fund of the Bombay Presidency Bank are considerably larger in proportion to capital than the earnings and reserves of the sister Banks, though they are also prospering, and paying what are in these days remarkably good dividends. The actual earnings of the half-year by the three Banks were sufficient to have enabled the Bengal to pay, on its capital of two crores, interest, at the rate of 16 per cent.; the Bank of Bombay to pay 20 per cent. on its capital of one crore, and the Bank of Madras on its capital of half-a-crore, 13 per cent. It is an appropriate question under present circumstances to ask whether there is any reason to anticipate that these earnings will continue. The answer is that there is every reason to hope for further development. When the present dull season comes to a close and the jute, indigo, and tea of Bengal come down to Calcutta for export, the depression which now prevails will undergo a marked change for the better. The monsoon, which is unusually favourable, promises large crops throughout the country; and wheat, cotton, and seeds will come in large volume to Bombay for export. The result of the drought in Europe will create a large demand for Indian wheat, which will be abundant. There is every reason to anticipate an export trade exceeding that of recent years, and the financing of it will find abundance of employment for all available capital. It is greatly to be wished that a forecast equally favourable could be made with the same confidence in regard to the Eastern trade. The directors of the Bombay Bank, while cautiously observing that time will be required to prove the wisdom or otherwise of the action of the Government in closing the Mints against the private coinage of silver, in preparation for a gold standard, express their belief that the present disturbance of trade is only temporary, and that business will gradually improve and settle down to the new conditions of currency and exchange. That opinion is now beginning to be generally entertained and even in regard to the yarn and opium export trade, there is a disposition to take a more hopeful view of the prospect of a revival before the year closes. But it is very doubtful whether any appreciable recovery can be hoped for in that direction until the United States Congress decides the fate of the Sherman Act in August or September. Until the element of doubt as to the future level of silver is eliminated, no stability can be looked for in the exchange of countries which are dependent on the market value of silver.

THE statement of the French Foreign Minister in the Chamber of Deputies leaves matters very much as they were, only rather more confused. France is resolved to enforce her rights, but not in a manner which would encroach on Siames eindependence. Besides, French patience is nearly exhausted, and if Siam does not make reparation the necessary measures will be taken to compel her to do so. Once the sword is drawn, we are free to infer the desire of the French not to "encroach" will be at an end, and what will be will be. The same cor espondent who on the 16th inst. telegraphed from Bangkok that the French war vessels were hastening to reinforce the Admiral's escort, and that matters were very serious indeed, telegraphed the next day that thanks to the good offices of the British Minister who counselled the Siamese to consider their weakness and make the necessary reparation things had taken a favourable turn and that a peaceful solution was quite on the cards. M. Develle may have purposely spoken of French patience being "nearly" exhausted to leave it to be understood that if the *amende honorable* be made for the firing on the gunboats and the scuttling of a merchant steamer, there will be no further display of force. The Bangkok correspondent states that the terms insisted upon are the acknowledgment of the French claims to the Mekong frontier, and the payment of a considerable sum in compensation for the recent acts of hostility. While waiting for some clearer light on this question, general attention will be directed to the statement of M. Develle that Lord Rosebery and Lord Dufferin have "frankly declared" that Great Britain will not interfere to hinder France 'protecting' her frontier." This is, course, an impossible phrase; as a matter of course, no Power would interfere to prevent another from protecting her frontiers. What is doubtless meant is that the British Government have again declared that they will not interfere in the dispute between France and Siam respecting the left bank of the Mekong. Some weeks since Sir Edward Grey stated in the House of Commons that Lord Rosebery had made that declaration. Lord Rosebery subsequently took occasion to state in the House of Lords that he did not even know what were the claims France was pressing upon the Siamese; he added that the Siamese themselves did not know either. He disclaimed any intention to make a communication about a matter, about which he had less information than his questioner, Lord Lamington, who had visited Siam and could speak on such subjects as an expert. It is sufficiently evident that the British Government has no intention of intervening in what is after all a frontier question, in which we have only a remote and speculative interest. The Siamese question was discussed at considerable length three years ago between Lord Salisbury and M. Waddington, at the time when sundry Siamese mandarins interfering in Shan States, which we claimed as belonging of right to Burma, were bundled out by officers of the Indian Government. The desirability of ascertaining the true limits of the Siamese Kingdom, which were once as elastic as a Gladstone bag then became apparent, and there were many *pour parlers* which led to an understanding. That it was expedient to come to an understanding on the subject was evident when the French Foreign Office suggested that the simplest plan would be for the British Government to do as they pleased in the territory west of a line drawn from north to south through Siam, while the French should do the same east of that line. If we are not greatly mistaken the understanding substituted for this trenchant project was that the French should rectify their Annamese borders as we had rectified our Burmese. This we fancy is the operation which we are now witnessing. The particular reason why the French desire to occupy the middle bend of the Mekong is that the region east of it interposes between French Cochin-China on the south and Annam and Tonquin on the north-east and north. The intervening country is mostly forest, and sparsely-inhabited by wild tribes who have never been under any settled administration. The great bend of the Mekong westward further to the north would advance the French frontier eastward to a point some seven hundred miles due north of Bangkok. The reach of the river—the lower course of which passes though French Cambodia and bears that name—the left bank being claimed for Annam, is from six hundred to eight hundred miles long. It has never been thoroughly explored, and there are some doubts whether it can be made navigable, cataracts and shallows alternating in some parts. It is very likely to prove as unprofitable to the French, if they succeed in securing it, as the Red River has done, the acquisition of which led to the war with the Black Flags, and the employment of 40,000 men in a costly and inglorious campaign.

DACOITIES which formed so prominent a feature in the annals of the Central Provinces a few years back, seem almost to have entirely disappeared, and the new report of the Police administration has very little to say of them. True, the number last year of so-called dacoities had slightly risen, there being twenty-seven in 1892 as compared with twenty-five in 1891; but it is doubtful if three of these were dacoities at all. Saugor and Bilaspur are the only districts in which dacoities are said to have been committed by professionals, and in both of them the number of offences had decreased. The dacoities distributed over other districts, therefore, were but insignificant. In Saugor itself the cases diminished, and this fact is attributed to the effective measures taken for the protection of the frontiers of the district by the Chief Commissioner, and the sustained efforts of Mr. Hankin and his successor Mr. Naylor, to prevent the dacoits who infest the surrounding Native States from raiding into British territory. While the annals of former years narrate the capture of Tantia Bhil, those of the last twelve months are embellished with an account of the capture and execution of the notorious Kuch Singh, and since the close of the year that not less notorious Himmut Singh and his band of followers, have been accounted for in what is described as a brilliant hand-to-hand encounter in which the police were led by Mr. Naylor, the District Superintendent, in person. Another gang, headed by the well known Patia Nai, which continually threatened the borders of the Central Provinces, has been broken up, and Patia and his brothers as well as some of his followers, have been taken. Though the results have been eminently satisfactory, it is admitted that all the work to be done is not yet accomplished. The bands of the two Maharaj Singhs, now believed to be on the frontiers of the Lullitpur district, of the North-West Provinces, have still to be accounted for. Damoh district was infested with dacoits, but the police have been so vigilant that the dacoits had no chance, and but for one of them having made a bullet-hole in the head-constable during an encounter there would have been very little that is remarkable to report. Mr. Naylor succeeded in the Katri Bilaspur railway line in arresting two large bands of dacoits who had threatened to become formidable by the daring with which their exploits were attended. The effect of these captures has been to demoralise other badly-inclined bands. A serious case is reported from Betul, in which the police failed to track the culprits. A band of seven or eight men attacked a rich Marwari, and robbed him of between four and five thousand rupees. In the current year two heavy dacoities are reported to have been committed, and matters assumed so serious an aspect, that special means to arrest their further progress had to be taken. Inspector Mahomed Paki who had shown special aptitude for the work, succeeded in following up, and arresting the band implicated in both cases. The Inspector-General of Police, in the Central Provinces, believes that but for the instances he indicates, we shall hear of no further dacoities for some time to come on the part of gangs across the borders in Native States.

WE hear that Mr. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, has obtained three months' privilege leave from the 1st of August next, and in all probability Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate will act for him, during his absence on leave.

THE Bombay and

# TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

## THE VICTORIA COURT-MARTIAL.

### FURTHER EVIDENCE.

LONDON, JULY 19.

Lord Gillford, the Flag-Lieutenant of the Victoria, and Staff Commander T. H. Smith, confirmed before the court-martial, yesterday, the statements made by Captain the Hon. Maurice Bourke, and added that Admiral Tryon, after the collision, admitted that it was entirely his own fault.

## SERIOUS DEPRESSION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is a serious depression on the London Stock Exchange to-day owing to a collapse in American Securities.

## THE FRENCH POLICY IN SIAM.

PARIS, JULY 18.

M. Develle, Minister for Foreign Affairs, replying to an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies, to-day, said that France was resolved to enforce her rights, but would in nowise encroach upon the independence of Siam.

He added that the patience of the French Government was nearly exhausted, and that failing reparation from Siam they would take the necessary measures.

## THE ATTITUDE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Lord Rosebery and the Marquis of Dufferin had, M. Develle said, frankly declared that Great Britain would not hinder France in protecting her frontiers.

## FRENCH ULTIMATUM TO SIAM.

JULY 19.

France has sent an ultimatum to Siam demanding the retrocession of Battambang and Angkor to Cambodia, an indemnity for the victims of the Khong massacre, the immediate appointment of a frontier commission, and the cession of the left bank of the Mekong River from the Chinese frontier to Kratieh.

A reply is demanded within twenty-four hours.

## THE EXCHANGE BANKS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 19.

The Exchange Banks have petitioned the Government of India to keep the offer open made to them last week, pending the arrival at Simla of a representative of the Banks with the object of stating the case of the Banks more completely than can be done by correspondence.

The representative will probably arrive in Simla in the course of a day or two.

## LEAVE.

Major Sadler goes home on short leave at an early date. Mr. Ravenshaw of Hyderabad will proceed to England shortly on privilege leave. Mr. Cobb of the Madras Civil Service, will officiate during Mr. Ravenshaw's absence.

## COLONEL YATE'S COMMISSION.

A report has just been received concerning Colonel Yate's Commission, at Khushk river.

The details are strictly private at present.

## THE GIFT OF "CHAIL" BY PATIALA TO DHOLPUR.

The Government of India has declined to sanction the gift of *chail* by the Maharajah of Patiala to Dholpur.

## SALE OF COUNCIL BILLS.

No despatch has been received by this mail regarding the Secretary of State's sale of Council Bills.

## THE VICEREGAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The programme of Bills to be discussed on Friday next, at the Legislative Council Meeting, has not as yet been altered in any way.

It is considered little doubtful whether the Excise Bill will be discussed at the next meeting.

## SUCCESSOR TO MAJOR HOGG IN THE IMPERIAL SERVICE TROOPS.

The Officer to be selected to succeed Colonel Harris, who is now officiating for Major Hogg, will very probably be Lieutenant W. Scott, of the 38th Dogras. The appointment has not, however, been quite sanctioned.

## TELEGRAPH LINES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JULY 19.

The advantages of alternative lines of telegraph have been strikingly illustrated during the present monsoon season. The direct line from Calcutta to Assam had been broken owing to the floods between Jalpaiguri and Dhubri, the two rivers at least having changed their course and washed away the masts, from which wires are suspended at the crossings. Messages have consequently had to be sent by another route, pending repairs, and the only one line available is by way of Burma. It is a long distance going round through Mandalay and Tammu, but the work has been satisfactorily disposed of, the Telegraph Department as usual being readily equal to the emergencies.

## LIEUTENANT STOTHERT ATTACKED BY ROBBERS IN PERSIA.

Lieutenant Stothert, Hyderabad Contingent, has had an unpleasant experience. While travelling in Persia, when near Lake Niris, in the Caorat District, he was attacked by a band of robbers, ten in number. They opened fire upon him at 400 yards distance, and then tried to rush at his party, but at close quarters they were met by sharp revolver fire from the officer and his orderly, with the result that one of the ruffians was killed on the spot, three others were wounded, and two horses shot. After this the rest were glad to gallop away. Lieutenant Stothert marched straight on to Shiraz, where he arrived without any further adventure.

## THE SIMULTANEOUS EXAMINATIONS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

BELGAUM, JULY 19.

In a large representative meeting of the townsmen of Belgaum, held this evening, memorials were adopted to the House of Commons and to the Government of India for giving effect to the Civil Service Resolution

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, JULY 18.

S. The Anchor Line steamer Persia left here for Bombay this afternoon,

COLOMBO, JULY 19.

The mail steamer Britannia from Australia arrived.

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JULY 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats quiet.

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| Good Dhollera | 3 7-8 |
| The Manchester Market has been firm. | |
| 2½ per cent. Consols | 98 7-8 |
| 3 per cent. Rentes | 97½ |
| 3½ per cent. Sterling Loan | 100 |
| 4 per cent. Rupee Paper | 90½ |
| Bar Silver | 32½ |

# NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE frontier paper says it receives the most unsatisfactory reports regarding the inefficiency of the postal arrangements to Gilgit. Letters frequently take a month in reaching their destination! This is absurd, as it is only fourteen days' march from Bandipere to Gilgit, there are regular dak stages laid out, none of which are at any great distance apart, there are regular dak runners with overseers to superintend, and lastly an excellent mule road along which the runners are quite able to run if only made to. But unfortunately the arrangements under the Kashmir authorities are as bad as they can be. What is worse, is the fact that occasionally mail bags are actually lost on this route! It is scarcely credible that such a thing can happen at this time of year. We hope for the good of the service that the Postal Department will either be transferred to the care of British officials, or will receive a thorough and prompt overhauling at the hands of the Kashmir authorities.

THE Parsis of Quetta held a dinner in honour of the marriage of the Duke of York with the Princess May of Teck.

THE Quetta police have arrested three out of a gang of ten Punjabis, who, it is alleged, have committed a series of thefts in the Quetta District.

OFFICIAL information has just been issued respecting the report of Captains Macdonald and Pringle, who made a preliminary survey for a railway from Mombassa to the Victoria Nyanza. They accomplished their enterprise with great thoroughness and expedition. They declare that the route to the Lake is not only feasible but good. Without serious difficulties they think a line of 3 feet 6 inches gauge conforming to the Egyptian and South African systems, might be constructed at an average cost of £3,400 a mile, or about a total of £2,500,000. They report that the region traversed is a suitable field for Indian emigration. The Punjabis attached to the party enjoyed the best of health. The coast region offers inducements to the settlement of natives of Southern India, while the uplands, inland, large tracts now unoccupied, are suitable for people from Northern India.

IT is generally reported that the Secretary of State, in declining to extend the sanction for the employment of a sixth Judge of the Madras High Court, expressed himself as not unwilling to entertain any proposals for relieving the High Court of its work on the Original Side to some extent by raising the jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court from Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 5,000 in a duly-constituted manner, and, if necessary, of appointing a second Judge to that Court in consequence of the additional work that will be thrown upon it. The Judges of the Court are understood to have taken the matter up and are to sit shortly to discuss the question in view to the necessary application being made to the Government of India and the Secretary of State. The second Judge, it is said, will draw a salary of Rs. 1,000 a month.

THE Bangalore *Evening Mail* understands that Mr. Madden, of the Madras Bank, intends proceeding against the Municipality for damages done to his carriage and horse, which came to grief the other night on a road which was undergoing repair, no notice of which had been given the public. Another gentleman, it appears, was very near coming to grief the same night at the same spot.

AN amusing incident is reported as having occurred at Lord's recently. While Ranjitsinghji was batting a black kitten came out on to the ground and remained to watch the Indian prince's innings. The omen proved favourable. Let us hope, writes the *Globe*, that the prince will never be watched over under similar circumstances by a white elephant.

ON the return to duty within the next few days of Mr. A. F. D. Cunningham, Deputy Commissioner of Hazara, it is intended to retain Colonel Hutchinson, who has been holding the district for the last few months, on special political duty across the border. The work of regulating our relations with the various tribes which our recent activity in that direction has brought us into contact with is quite enough in itself to take up the whole time of an officer; and it would be useless to expect him to do anything else while so engaged. Colonel Hutchinson has been on the spot for the last few months, and it is well to utilise the special knowledge which he has acquired. Although he has been in nominal charge of the district, his duties have taken him out of British territory most of the time.

THE working of Indian railways for the past quarter of the current financial year is fairly satisfactory, as it shows an increase in gross earnings of nearly 4½ lakhs over the similar period of 1892. But three important lines show a falling-off: the Great Indian Peninsula of over 7½ lakhs, the East Indian of nearly 6 lakhs and the Oudh and Rohilkhand of 1 1-5 lakhs. The railway which has so far done best is the Southern Mahratta. It has an increase of 5½ lakhs on its main line, and of over one lakh on the Mysore section. The North-Western has improved by 4 lakhs; the Madras Railway by nearly 2½; the Eastern Bengal and South Indian by about 2 lakhs each. The Rajputana-Malwa and the Bombay-Baroda are not quite up to last year's earnings for the quarter, and the Bengal-Nagpur line is also somewhat under. Consequent on the stoppage of the wheat exports from the Punjab, we must not expect the increase on the North-Western to be progressive, but the Southern Mahratta system should go on showing an improvement, and the Eastern Bengal should do well, as the jute crop is likely to be an abnormally large one. The Madras standard gauge has a lot of lee way to make up, and it is to be hoped the rise in earnings will continue. The Delhi-Kalka is slowly but surely going ahead, its earnings in the three months having been at the rate of Rs. 240 per mile as compared with Rs. 195 last year.

THE section of the East Coast Railway between the Godaveri river and Vizianagram, including the Coconada and the Vizagapatam branches, in all 177 miles in length, was opened for goods traffic on Saturday last, and is ready for inspection prior to opening for passenger traffic before the end of July. It is expected that a further section of 56 miles will be open by the end of December. On the 1st of January the State will take over the working of the Bezwada-Godaveri section, so that a length of 323 miles will by the beginning of next year be running under State management. The date of the opening of the remaining 200 miles to Cuttack will depend upon the money that becomes available.

THERE is on view for a few days at Messrs. Hamilton & Co.'s at Calcutta a testimonial clock presented to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs, on their departure from Calcutta last October, by some of the many appreciative friends they left behind them. It is worth the inspection of subscribers and others. The work was carried out by the Goldsmith and Silversmiths' Aliance, Regent Street, London, from ideas supplied by Lord William Beresford and Mr. C. H. Moore, to whom was entrusted the task of the selection of a suitable memento. It is a handsome piece of work in oak and silver. As supporters of the clock there stand on each side a silver statuette of a Buffs' soldier, one in the uniform of 1665 when the regiment was raised and the other in the uniform of 1892. On the top of the clock stands the city Dragon, the crest of the Regiment; on each side the regimental badges of the rose and crown, and the unconquered horse of Kent, at the foot a royal Bengal tiger, typical of the local habitation of the donors. It is worth inspection, and a pleasant record of the keen sympathy which ever existed between this gallant regiment and the community of Calcutta.

THE splendid collection of the Uffizi Gallery, at Florence, has been enriched by several paintings, by the gift of Mr. Walker, an Englishman, born on the banks of the Arno. Among them is a "Leda," by Tintoretto, a "Susanna," by Guido Reni, and a "Job Visited by His Friends," by Salvator Rosa, one of the rare pictures by that master in which the figures are of life size. According to custom, one of the paintings, the "Leda," has been placed for a time on an easel in an isolated position.

THE disaster to the Victoria has not come as a surprise to naval men familiar with the construction of that ill-fated ironclad, says the *Sun*. During her trials and after, notwithstanding the official statements now made, she was condemned in private conversation by more than one naval expert. It was common talk that she was top-heavy, and the writer well remembers a high authority saying at Chatham four years ago: "Mark my words, some terrible accident will happen to this ship. She is everything that she should not be, and God forbid that I should ever have to sail in her."

PRINCE BERNARD, who is married to the Emperor William's eldest and best-looking sister, Charlotte, is credited with tastes that are far more literary than military. He prefers comfort to hardship, and poetry and music to the clash and din of military manœuvres and parades. He has written several dramas not alone in German, but even in modern Greek, a language in which he is proficient and prizes very highly the gold laurel-wreath presented to him when at Athens.

SIR WILLIAM DAWSON, the eminent Canadian scholar, who has just intimated his intention of retiring from the post of Principal of the McGill University, has done valuable work in the interests of science and education. He is a native of Nova Scotia, where he was born 73 years ago, and he is the author of a large number of valuable scientific works. He is an ardent and erudite geologist, and the best living authority on the geological formation and features of the North American Continent. He has been connected with the McGill University for many years, and his retirement is naturally regarded as a great loss. He is 73 years of age.

IN Count de la Patilla, who has died recently, Spain loses one of her greatest breeders of bulls, as well as the head of a family of the *sangre azul*. The animals that came from his *ganaderia* were renowned for their courage, and sought after in every Plaza de Toros in Spain. The Count lost a considerable sum in 1889 in a vain attempt to establish bull-fighting in Paris. But he was a rich man, held large estates in Castille, and employed the leisure that was left to him by his great life-work of rearing animals for the bull-rings in helping to govern his country. As one who did so much to foster the national "sport" he was a very popular grandee, was several times elected Deputy, and eventually became a Senator.

"Le roi est mort; vive le loi" is a cynicism applicable to other than legal positions (wrote the *Sun* the other day) Sir George Tryon must have a successor, and, as the Mediterranean Fleet offers the most desirable command for a Vice-Admiral, there is likely to be keen competition for the post. The active list of Vice-Admirals is limited to twenty; Sir George Tryon's untimely death reduces the number to nineteen. Of these five are otherwise employed, and six have from various circumstances no chance of hoisting their flags in their present rank. This diminishes the possible recipients to eight, of whom the most likely candidates would appear to be Vice-Admirals Richard Wells and J. E. Erskine. The former was last employed as commander-in-chief at the Cape, and the latter as senior officer on the coast of Ireland. Both are capable officers, and each might fairly lay claim to this important step. I should not, however, be surprised were the Admiralty to disregard precedent and appoint a full Admiral to succeed Sir George Tryon, in which case Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Bart., is first favourite. Sir Michael is one of the ablest flag officers on the active list, and would be a worthy successor to Sir George Tryon.

THE three alternative games which Frank Ives, the American billiard champion, offered to play Roberts, were briefly these:—(1) The same game as before with the so-called jammed-shot barred, and the pockets to be exactly in accordance with the conditions of the previous match, namely 3½d. (2) 6,000 points with a regular English table and balls, but with four pockets only; (3) three nights' play on a championship English table and three nights' play on an American table. The jammed-shot would be barred in all the games. Roberts has declined the last two propositions altogether, while as to the first he insists upon playing on the same table as before with the pockets as they are. What divides the two men is exactly this: Ives claims that though the conditions of the first match provided for 3½ inch pockets, the side pockets were slightly wider, and that he only consented to play in order not to postpone the match. Now he requires, however, that the pockets shall be exactly as provided for in the articles of agreement. On the other hand, Roberts insists that the pockets are 3¼in., and he therefore refuses to have them changed. Hence the deadlock between the champions. This matter should easily be settled. The side pockets are either 3¼in. wide or they are not. A carpenter's rule would decide that point in one minute if either party was anxious to settle it. Perhaps "one is afraid and the other dare not."

GENERAL SIR EVELYN WOOD'S tenure of the command at Aldershot will long be memorable for its solid, useful work says the *Echo*. As a commanding officer he has always been conspicuous for his combination of considerateness with firmness. This combination of qualities fitted him well for one of the most important and interesting tasks of his life, namely, the re-organisation of the native Egyptian army. Service in that army used to be regarded as a death sentence. Before Sir Evelyn Wood left the country it was eagerly sought for. For the first time in Egyptian history the soldier was humanely treated, was protected from injustice, and was regularly paid. The talked-of succession of Lord Roberts to Sir Evelyn Wood in the Aldershot command would, of course, be popular. The shortish, wiry person of the hero of Candahar is as tough and active after sixty-one years of life as he was twenty years ago. Although he has spent most of his life in India, Lord Roberts is as fresh as if he had lived all the time in these northern latitudes. He has still before him years of work before he reaches the age at which, in accordance with the regulations, he must retire It is thirty-six years since Lord Roberts won his V. C. The particular feat for which he received it was the rescue of a standard from the mutinous Sepoys. But, as a matter of fact, his exploits at Delhi, Lucknow, and Cawnpore entitled him to the V. C. ten times over.

IT will be interesting to see what will become of the scheme for founding an Australian colony in Paraguay. The leaders of the movement went from Sydney to South America not long ago, and, after having a general look around, decided upon a block of suitable country on the Tebicuary river, about a hundred miles from Asuncion, and not very far from the railway communicating with that city. The authorities at Asuncion are prepared, it seems, to give the intending settlers every facility in founding the proposed colony, and the pioneers say that the land is better, and better watered, than the general run of Australian country. The only prospective drawback is the unsettled character of the country, and this is naturally giving the cautious Colonial folk pause.

VEGETARIANS (according to a Chicago correspondent) promulgated their ideas at the recent Congress amongst a people more sympathetic perhaps than at home. One of the points in which dieting in the States is superior to ours is the use of vegetables, not only in their season, but during the winter. Either because they have better brands of botteld or tinned goods, or because they understand how to make the most of them, fuller advantage is taken of them. All through the winter such vegetables as green peas, French beans, and asparagus, regularly appear on the bills of fare, and if they are not as good as the fresh vegetables they are a wholesome and excellent substitute. The same with fruits. This reference to eating suggests that certain things at which the Britisher is very ready to laugh are, after all, founded upon common sense. Take, for example, the custom of placing before the diner a number of little dishes. The reason soon becomes apparent. If you order your courses in succession, the coloured waiters are so long in bringing them that the meal runs to inordinate length; therefore the order is given en bloc. If, with your twelve little dishes tabled you proceed too leisurely, it is evident that number twelve will be cold before you get there; therefore the American falls into the habit of running the gauntlet with promptness and despatch. We naturally prefer our own methods, but we ought to concede that there may be other reasons for this habit than greed and grossness of feeding.

## THE GREATEST PUMPING INSTALLATION IN THE WORLD.

### AN INTERESTING VISIT.

NOT many days ago, a well-known member of the Corporation remarked that Bombay was first in most things in Asia, even including failures. Of course, this is a pretty broad assertion, and there is at least one city in India, which would dispute the honour and claim for many of its institutions the premier place. However this may be, there will be no disputing the fact that for some time to come Bombay will be able to claim that it has the largest pumping installation not only in Asia, but in the world. These pumping-engines have just been erected at Worlee, and yesterday afternoon, the Municipal Standing Committee, after transacting its ordinary business, headed by their Chairman, Dr. Bhalchundra, and escorted by Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban, Executive Engineer, Mr. James W. Smith, Special Drainage Engineer, Mr. C. Jones, Drainage Engineer, Mr. Cluley, Chief Inspector, and Mr. Hewett, Superintendent Engineer, paid a visit to the pumping-station at Love Grove, and had explained to them the mysteries of the new engines that have been the subject of so many debates in the Corporation, and have cost the city close upon five lakhs of rupees. The necessity for such powerful engines to rid Bombay of its sewage is established by two facts; the first, that the natural out-fall for the sewage, which is at Colaba, is closed owing to the fact that Government will not consent to have the sewage of so large a city as Bombay deposited so near the military station, and is rightly solicitous as to the sanitary conditions of the place where European troops have to find their quarters; and, secondly, because of the fact that Bombay lies very low, and there is no spot where the sewage can be sent into the sea by natural gravitation. Worlee was chosen as the best spot to pump out the sewage.

With the assistance of powerful pumps capable of lifting sixty million gallons of sewage a day, the liquid waste of Bombay is now thrown into the sea, near Worlee Hill, at a point, where there is six feet of water at neap spring tides. The old engines were installed twelve years ago, and almost from the beginning were found to be inadequate to deal with the ever-increasing mass of sewage. Of late since the introduction of Tansa water, sewage has in some places escaped into the streets, owing to the inability of the old engines to deal with it. This has naturally had some effect on the health of the city, and it became a matter of the gravest importance to remedy the defect. New pumping-engines were ordered from the firm of Messrs. James Simpson and Co., a firm with a world-wide reputation, and after three months hard, and in some cases extremely difficult, work the new engines have been installed. They are capable of dealing with all the sewage Bombay is likely to have for many years to come—except in the rains. The Municipal Commissioner, the other day, graphically drew attention to one of the difficulties of the work when the new engines were being connected with the sewers. It became necessary for a period of forty-eight hours to throw the whole of Bombay sewage into Back Bay and the harbour, and for that period the whole of the Municipal Engineer's staff, under the direction of Mr. Murzban worked continuously and successfully made the connection. The anxious eye of the Commissioner was also overlooking the work for that period, and when the mighty engines gave their first throb, and delivered their burden safely into the sea, those concerned experienced a relief akin to that which comes to soldiers when they win a battle.

That it is a great work successfully accomplished none can deny. Dr. Weir, the Health Officer, expects from the installation, if it can achieve all that is expected from it, a very considerable reduction in the death-rate of the city.

The first thing that strikes the layman in looking at the new engines is that there is absolutely no rotatory movement on them. There is not a wheel connected with them, and their appearance is most extraordinary. Each of the four pumping-engines, which like the rest of the plant, are constructed on the newest and most improved lines, is sufficiently powerful to raise no less than fifteen million gallons of sewage to a height of thirty feet per diem. In twenty-four hours, therefore, with all the four pumps at work, some sixty million gallons, or about 17,857 tons, of sewage could be raised, or equal to 75 gallons per head for a population of 800,000 persons. All of the engines have been placed in a horizontal position and lie parallel to each other, each being fitted with three steam cylinders and a pump, the piston rod passing through and connecting the three pistons and the plunger in the pump. The new machinery, totally unlike the old, works with so little noise that one can carry on a conversation in the pump-house without any difficulty in making himself heard. The steam which issues from the boilers at a pressure of about seventy-five pounds per square inch enters into the first cylinder, the diameter of which is eleven inches, next it travels to one of seventeen to another of twenty-nine inches, before entering the condenser, where it is reduced to water and prepared for admission into the boiler, where its conversion into steam is again effected. In order to keep the cylinders as hot as possible while at work, each of the cylinders is encased in a steam-jacket externally lined with polished teak wood, expansion cut-off valves being fixed to the first and second to regulate the admission of the steam. Each engine is constructed to exert a force of 95 horse-power *in water pumped*. Owing to the corrosive nature of the sewage all the interior working surfaces of the pumps are of bronze, and the sewage valves are a special patent of the manufacturers, designed to give the greatest freedom of passage to any solid matter that may pass the gratings on the water passage. The plunger of each pump is three feet in diameter, and each movement backward or forward of three feet represents a pumping power of 133 gallons. The pumps discharge by two iron mains, each of thirty-six inches, into a brick tunnel leading to the sea, and this tunnel terminates in a cast-iron pipe that discharges on the bottom of the sea below the lowest tide. The pumping engines occupy a floor space of 67 feet long by 25 feet wide, and the engine-house measures 80 feet long by 27 feet wide. Four boilers of the Badcock and Wilcox type supply steam to the engines. They are located in a roomy shed adjoining the engine-house, and are connected to the chimney of the old boilers by means of a flue, built above ground, and lined with firebricks from the Warora Colliery, in the Central Provinces. The boilers consist each of 72 iron tubes, 18 feet long and 4 inches in diameter, through which the water circulates. They are all connected together at the ends. A cylinder of boiler plate, 23½ feet long, serves as a reservoir for the steam. These boilers are practically inexplosible, and if, as has already happened elsewhere, the fires should be lighted before water is put in the boiler, nothing worse would take place than the burning of several tubes, which could be renewed in a few hours without the assistance of boiler-makers. The pumps, before being started are filled with water from the water mains, special provision being made to prevent sewage from being forced into the water-pipes, so that contamination becomes an impossibility. By reason of the extensive openings through the floor into the open sewer the old engine house was frequently filled with noxious gases, which were a source of inconvenience, if not something more serious to the men who had to remain at their posts to attend the engines, but owing to the arrangements, in the new engine-house, this serious nuisance has been entirely removed. Mr. C. Briggs, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., who represents the manufacturers in India, has personally, supervised the erection of the machinery, and some idea of the extent of the supervision required may be gathered from the fact that the total weight of the machinery is not less than 460 tons.

The engines and the rest of the new plant were carefully inspected by the members of the Standing Committee, who have expressed their great satisfaction at the results that the engines have so far achieved, and consider that the installation is a decided step in the right direction.

THE present Duke of Argyll is the great-grandson of the celebrated Irish beauty, Miss Gunning, the second daughter of Mr. John Gunning of Castle Coote, Roscommon. Until the days of the present Duchess of Devonshire, the lady was the only woman who had the distinction of having twice married a Duke. Emerson relates that she was so beautiful that Dukes and Duchesses, Earls and Countesses used to get upon chairs at the Royal Levees in order to behold her in all her glory.

## MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

AT the usual weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation, held yesterday afternoon, Dr. Cowasji Hormusji presided, and there were also present Messrs. E. B. Carrol, Grattan Geary, K. N. Kabraji, Javerilal Umiashanker Yajnik, Dr. Bhalchandra, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Messrs. G. W. Roughton, Harkisondas Narotumdas, K. M. Shroff, and the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram.

### SEWERS IN CURRY ROAD.

The Committee considered a letter from the Commissioner, requesting sanction to the acceptance by him of the tender of Messrs. Spencer and Co., for the work of constructing pipe sewers, manholes, &c., in Curry Road at rates aggregating Rs. 5,419. The amount to be met out of the grant sanctioned for the work by the Corporation.

The necessary sanction was accorded.

### SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COALS.

The Committee next considered a letter from the Commissioner, reporting that he had arranged for the purchase of 200 tons of Nixon's Navigation and 200 tons West Hartley coal, from Messrs. J. Brooks and Co. at Rs. 16-8 and Rs. 16 per ton, respectively, delivered at Love Grove. The Commissioner requested sanction to this arrangement.

The Chairman observed that the grant for coal provided in the budget had been exhausted, and the Committee had no power to sanction the expenditure until the Corporation had allowed a further grant for the purchase of coal.

The Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram said that the arrangement was a very desirable one.

Mr. Carroll remarked that the charges were very favourable to the Municipality.

Dr. Viegas suggested that sanction might be given subject to the final approval of the Corporation.

The Chairman said that legally they could not sanction the expenditure until the Corporation had sanctioned the supplementary grant.

The Commissioner suggested that the Standing Committee might bring that subject as a matter of urgency before the Corporation.

The Chairman admitted that the engines at Love Grove were being worked day and night, and they wanted coal urgently, but he contended that legally they had no power to sanction the expenditure. The arrangement was a very favourable one, and he would bring it before the next meeting of the Corporation as a matter of urgency. The Committee, he understood, approved of the arrangement, and the sanction would be accorded as soon as the Corporation passed the supplementary grant.

The matter was accordingly adjourned, and the Chairman undertook to bring it before the meeting of the Corporation, which comes on to-day, as urgent business.

The Committee, after transacting some more business, adjourned, and some of the members went to Love Grove to inspect the new engines, boilers, and pumps, recently fitted there.

## MILITARY NEWS.

THE tenure of the appointment of Captain C. G. Oldfield, Ordnance Department, has been extended for five years.

LIEUTENANT E. L. MACKENZIE, 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment, has been attached to the 1st Battalion, pending embarkation for India next trooping season.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT A. THORP, Royal Artillery, on first appointment, has been posted to the No. 7 Company, Southern Division, vice Blaney, retired.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT G. S. BLANEY, No. 7 Company, Southern Division, has been allowed to retire from the Service Under Article 101A of the Royal Warrant.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. H. HUSSEY, half-pay list, formerly of the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, has been ordered home in vacation of the command of the Deolali Depot.

MAJOR AND BREVET-COLONEL A. G. CREAGH, Royal Artillery, has been transferred from the No. 24 Company, Southern Division, Agra, to the 65th Field Battery, at Mean Meer.

LIEUTENANT J. B. MACKINTOSH, No. 22 Company, Southern Division (Heavy Battery) Campbellpore, has been placed on the Seconded List, on appointment to the No. 7 (Bengal) Mountain Battery.

LIEUTENANT R. H. RAYMOND, 2nd Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, has been appointed to the 21st Bombay Infantry (Marine Battalion), Bombay, as an officiating Wing Officer.

The following appointments are sanctioned: 1st Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant F. M. Smith, Gloucestershire Regiment, to be officiating Wing Officer, on probation. 6th Punjab Infantry.—Lieutenant W. S. Browne, to be Adjutant.

CAPTAIN J. E. FOWLE, 21st Hussars, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Bombay, has passed the examination in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) referred to in para. 10 Queen's Regulations, Section IX., and qualified to appear for examination in subjects (*c*) and (*d*) for promotion to the rank of Major.

GOVERNMENT have sanctioned grant of free passages in troopships and vessels wholly chartered for conveyance of troops, for soldiers' sons over 16 years, and dependent on their fathers, when the latter proceed from port to port within Indian limits on duty of a permanent nature.

CAPTAIN C. DELINE RADCLIFFE, of the 2nd Connaught Rangers, has passed the Staff College and distinguished himself in German and Landscape drawing, and qualified in the Applied Sciences. He obtained over 80 per cent. of the maximum aggregate number of marks. He was prevented by illness from attending the examination in December, 1892.

## SPORTS AT KOLHAPUR.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, JULY 17.

IN honour of the Royal wedding, Thursday, July 6, was proclaimed a general holiday in Kolhapur. Under the patronage of H. H. the Maharajah and Col. Wodehouse, C.I.E., the Political Agent, a good programme of sports for the town's-folk was drawn up by a committee, consisting of the Chief of Kagal, Col. Wodehouse, and Messrs. Fraser, Shannon, and Candy. But, alas, the 6th was a real wet day, and the sport had to be postponed. They came off, however, very successfully on the 11th instant, in the presence of a large crowd of sight-seers. Athletic contests are evidently a favourite form of amusement with the citizens of Kolhapur. There were twenty-one events put down on the programme, so a start had to be made at 2 p.m. Besides the usual high jump, hundred yards, and quarter mile flat races, and 120 yards hurdle race, over six flights of hurdles, which were open to all, there were two races reserved for students, 300 yards for those over five feet three inches in height, and 200 yards for those under that height. Considerable excitement was aroused by the tug-of-war, in which teams of eight men competed, representing the Kolhapur Infantry, the Rissala, the Police, the Lashkar Fad, the Jail warders, and the Khasgi servants. After some hard fought pulls the Infantry proved the winners, the Cavalry securing the second prize. A novel contest was the "frog-race," in which the competitors were trussed up like fowls, a stick passed under the knees, and the hands tied in front. The efforts of many to go forward under these trying conditions were very ludicrous. In the 300 yards race for tongas and dummies (no whips allowed) a splendid pair of white bullocks brought their dhumny in first, one of the tongas being close up. In the quarter of a mile race for bicyles and tricycles, in which the latter had a start of 40 yards, Mr. R. R. Shirgavkar on his three wheeler just beat the Rev. Mr. Irwin on a bicycle. The sowars rode a half-mile race, and some of them also gallantly leapt, under fire, into a zareeba, and carried off huge dummies to win a "V. C.," or rather prizes in hard cash. Two parties of sowars also wrestled together, mounted on small grass-tattoos. The ladies had two chances of winning pretty prizes presented by the Maharajah, first in an egg and spoon race, in which the Rev. Mr. Priestley safely carried home the egg entrusted to him by Miss Sinclair; and, secondly, in the Arithmetic Race, in which Mr. Fraser was the first to hand in to the judge a sum correctly added up by Mrs. Fraser. Two other competitors had arrived with their addition cards before him, but alas, their lady-assistants had been in too great a hurry. At 6-30 the Maharajah presented the prizes to the winners, and then called for three cheers for their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. His Highness was also himself heartily cheered and so were "The Ladies."

We are now enjoying a charming break in the rains. The first cricket match of the season was played on Saturday, between the Kolhapur Infantry and Rajaram College. The latter made a very poor show in batting, they were all out for eleven runs in their first innings. I hear that they go at the end of the week to play their annual match with the Deccan College at Poona; and judging from this their latest performance, they are pretty sure to be defeated. Last year the Kolhapur College was first in both the matches played, but they have now lost some of their best players of last year.

## THE SLAUGHTER OF HORNED CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The lamentable differences that occasionally arise between the Mahomedans and the Hindoos generally in this country on the question of the slaughter of horned cattle (principally cow) generally on the Bukree Eed Festival, impel me to make this earnest appeal, through the medium of your widely-circulated journal to my country-men, both Mahomedans and Hindoos, as well as to our Government, which I humbly trust, will deserve their serious consideration.

I am sorry to see that both the Mahomedan and the Hindoo communities view the question of the killing of horned cattle, principally cow, from a religious point of view, which is after all purely sentimental. Its importance lies in its being considered from the point of view of economy. Considered from this aspect, I am sure, both Hindoos and Mahomedans will perceive how injurious it is to the permanent economic interests of this country, and how unwise and unpatriotic it is to create breaches of the peace which simply retard their moral and material progress. In order that the British Indian Government may be enabled to adopt towards us a more enlightened policy is it not necessary for us to prove our fitness for it? Let me, therefore, appeal to every patriotic Hindoo and Mahomedan to sink their religious differences, and endeavour to work out our material salvation by diligently and earnestly applying themselves to the solution of the grave economic question, which is involved in the indiscriminate slaughter of cows. Is not the preservation of cattle most essential to the agriculture of the country; is not the Government itself deeply interested in the question of the preservation of cattle? Instead of killing them at the present rate on festive occasions and at other times, ought we not to do all in our power to preserve them, and propagate the species? For is it not true that one of the greatest needs of the country is to replenish the stock of cattle, which is annually diminishing at an appalling rate? If civilized and highly advanced countries have long since realized the importance of breeding and preservation of agricultural cattle, is India to be backward in following their example, poor as she is with a miserable stock of agricultural cattle, compared with her immense population?

From statistics, it can be easily seen that North and South America, with a combined population of nine crores and eighty lakhs, possess a stock of cattle of fourteen crores and seventy lakhs. These give 1¼ cattle per head, whilst Asia with a population of eighty crores can only boast of a stock of cattle of eight crores and seventy lakhs which gives about one cattle for every ten persons. I therefore, humbly, entreat leaders of both the great communities in this country to propagate among their respective people the knowledge of this one great central fact, namely, that India is yet too poor to possess even one head of cattle per head of her population, while the material prosperity of her people depends on the accumulation of a stock, which shall increase the agricultural products and proportionately enrich the peasantry.—Yours, &c.,

DAMODHER GOCULDASS MUNJEE,
Hon. Sec., Bombay Gowrakshaka Mandli.
Bombay, July 19.

## ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE QUARTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Methinks the writer of the article—in the *Indian Magazine and Review*—on the Elphinstone College resident students—which you review in a leaderette to-day, would have much better employed his time had he attempted to inform his Indian brethren of what goes on in English college-rooms. But he seems rather to speak from a fulness of heart, which I apprehend is a little deceived. I admit there is a little force in his remarks on the indifferent part the Indian students take in the *expensive* English games. Now that the college gymkhana has been made compulsory by Principal Oxenham, the students do exhibit a livelier interest in the English games for which they are forced to pay. But Mr. C. H. Setalvad rather overshoots the mark when he says that the students do not swim, play cricket, football, &c. He seems to forget the little bands of students going to the sea to bathe in summer mornings. He also omits to mention the various cricket clubs that were formed by himself and the cricket matches we play against the Y. M. C. A. and other teams. Some of us also take athletic exercise. A college gymnasium is a crying necessity, and students have often complained of it.

Early rising is indeed a very enviable habit in Indian students who cannot read in the scorching afternoon. And whatever an ordinary English reader may think, I should like to have it more largely formed either from a competition to pluck the roses or from any other cause.

He hits at the right thing when he speaks of the room-partitions. They do neither reach the ceiling nor the floor, and it is most annoying that even a gentle whispering at the other end of the block is enough to distract the attention of all the occupants of the block. The authorities ought to have paid more attention for securing a quiet stillness so absolutely necessary to students. The ventilation of the rooms is hardly scientific. It leaves the student under an undesirable necessity of either keeping the room flat open, or closely confining himself in the room. Mosquitoes that so abominably dash against one's face on a summer evening are a regular nuisance. The open ground in the front, it is heard, is to be auctioned off. In case it is so sold and lofty buildings rise on the site, I fear the college quarters will be quite uninhabitable, for the mosquitoes in a less windy place will be most troublesome. Even at present when the day is close, we cannot read, for mosquitoes are then in their full force.—Yours, &c.,

College Quarters, July 19. STUDENT.

## THEFT BY A POLICE SEPOY.

AT the Girgaum Police Court, yesterday, Superintendent McDermott placed Ballaji

## INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Bayley presided at a sitting of the Court, yesterday, when the following, among other matters, were heard :—

RE MADAN CANJEE.

Mr. Macpherson, for the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices, saying that the application was refused on the last court-day at the instance of Mr. Shivshanker Govindram.

His Lordship : Your client has been guilty.

Mr. Macpherson : Yes, he has been guilty of great delay.

His Lordship : The petition was filed some two years ago, and nothing has been done in the matter.

Mr. Macpherson said the Official Assignee had recovered Rs. 30,000.

His Lordship : And what do you want now.

Mr. Macpherson : To serve notices to the creditors with the condition to be imposed on him by the court. In answer to the court, the learned counsel said that his client was a commission agent, and had served one hundred of the creditors, while sixty more remained to be served.

Mr. Shivshanker Govindram, a creditor, appeared in person, and said he had already said what he had to say on the last court-day.

His Lordship said that the insolvency was a heavy one, amounting to Rs. 1,92,000.

His Lordship granted time to serve notices till the 30th August next. Mr. Shivshunker was given leave to amend the grounds of opposition.

RE LEE CHINK CHEE.

Mr. Russell, on behalf of a creditor, moved absolute the rule, requiring the insolvent to show cause why he should not insert in the schedule the name of the opposing creditor.

The insolvent did not answer to his name, and the rule was made absolute, and on the application of Mr. Russell, the hearing was postponed for three months, as the account-books were all written in the Chinese language.

RE SHAMJEE BHIMJEE AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of the insolvent, applied for an interim order.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia opposed the application on behalf of a creditor.

Mr. Manker said no warrant of claim had been filed in the office, and his learned friend could not appear.

His Lordship : Mr. Kapadia, you have no *locus standi*. His Lordship refused an interim order, as the insolvent had not filed his books of account.

RE CANJEE NATHA AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Sanders-Slater, instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, on behalf of Messrs. Spinner and Co., applied for a postponement of the hearing of a rule *nisi*, granted in the matter on the ground that there was no time to reply to the affidavits filed by the insolvents.

His Lordship adjourned the matter for a week.

RE ABBA HAJEE OSMAN.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, for a creditor, applied for a postponement of the matter for three months, on the ground that the books of account were [illegible] in the office of the Official Assignee, [illegible] being prepared by Mr. [illegible] Official Assignee.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, objected to such a long postponement.

His Lordship granted a postponement of the hearing till the 13th September next.

RE NILKANT RAGHUNATH.

Mr. Sanjana, for the insolvent, appeared to argue against a rule, requiring him to show cause why the order of discharge granted to him by the court should not be set aside.

Mr. Manker, for a creditor, supported the rule.

Mr. Sanjana read several affidavits to the effect that the rule was not served upon his client, who was at the time alleged to be out of Bombay.

His Lordship refused to believe the affidavits submitted by Mr. Sanjana, and made the rule absolute.

Mr. Manker applied for the costs of the rule, which were disallowed.

RE MANEKCHAND NAGJEY.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for an adjournment of the hearing of the matter for a fortnight, saying he moved with the consent of the opposite side. His Lordship granted the application.

RE GOVINDJEE WALJEE.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of a creditor, applied for a postponement of the hearing of the petition for two months, on the ground that the insolvent was trying to settle with his creditors.

The insolvent, who appeared in person, said that only two of his creditors remained to be compromised with. His Lordship granted the application.

RE TYABJEE SHAIK DAWOODBHOY.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, for the insolvent, applied for an adjournment of the hearing of the petition for three months, on the ground that the insolvent was engaged in making up his books of account.

Mr. Manker, for creditor, opposed the application, which, he said, was a vexatious one.

His Lordship refused the application.

RE LUKMIDAS PURSHOTUM.

On the application of Mr. Sanjana, the insolvent was granted leave to amend his schedule.

RE FRANK JOHN MAIDMENT.

On the application of Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, this insolvent was granted the usual rule *nisi* for a discharge.

RE BOMONJEE EDULJEE SONAWALLA.

On the application of Mr. Manker, this insolvent was also granted a rule *nisi* for a discharge.

RE KALIDAS MOOLJEE.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of the insolvent, was granted four months' extension of the interim order on the ground that the insolvent was assisting the Official Assignee in recovering his outstandings.

RE JOHN MARIANO PEREIRA.

Mr. Manker applied for leave to amend the schedule and to serve notices, which was granted.

RE BHANJEE JOOTHANI.

Mr. Manker, for a creditor, appeared in support of a rule calling upon the insolvent to show cause why he should not proceed with his petition. No one appeared to show cause against the rule on behalf of the insolvent, it was made absolute with costs.

DISCHARGES POSTPONED.

His Lordship postponed the discharges of the following insolvents for a year, on the ground that they had recklessly contracted their debts :—Mahadeorao Dowlatrao Manker and Khanderao Wittoba Kirtikar.

DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned insolvents were granted discharges : Ahmed Abas Mahomed Sulleman ; Subhan Mohedin Kooloolee and others ; Damodhar Bapoojee ; Namajee Kushaba Irker ; Govind Ramjee Morey ; Aboo Cassim Samtaray ; Ganjee Alladin Kutchee ; Fazalbhai Abdoolabhai Malbari ; John Wilson Nasda ; Bhimjee Anandjee Mandoy ; Tribhowandas Bapushah ; Karsondas Jamnadas Kapadia ; and Krishna Vithia Dathare and others.

## PUBLIC HEALTH IN HYDERABAD.

THE following Memorandum on the Abstract Return of Births and Deaths registered in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the month of April, is published in the Residency orders :—Births.—The total number of births registered during the month of April in the province was 8,804, as compared to 10,663 in the previous month, and 10,099 in the corresponding month of the previous years. Of the total births recorded, 4,623 were males and 4,181 females, which gives a relative proportion of 110 boys for every 100 girls. The proportion of births to population was in the annual ratio of 36·0 per 1,000, against 34·8 per 1,000 for five previous corresponding periods. In 19 out of 50 towns, the birth-rate was above the provincial average. In the following towns the birth-rate was very low : Murtizapur, Bassim, Khamgaon Mulkapur, Mehkar and Dangaon. Still-births.—The number of still-births registered was 298, against 319 in the previous month. Of the 298 recorded 166 were males and 130 females. The ratio of still to live births was 3·3 per cents. Deaths.—The total number of deaths recorded was 5,295, against 4,234 in the previous month and 6,192 for the corresponding month of the previous year. The death-rate to population was in the annual ratio of 21·6 per 1,000, as against 34·6 per 1,000, the mean of five previous corresponding periods. In the following towns, the death-rate exceeded birth-rate : Daryapur, Sirasgaon, Buldana, Dewlgaon Raja, and Nandura. Causes of deaths.—No deaths were reported from cholera, 19 were returned as due to small-pox, 2,681 to fevers, 678 to dysentery and diarrhœa, 94 to injuries, and 1,813 to all other causes.

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## THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE NEW RUPEE LOAN.

SAYS the *Rast Goftar* : A new rupee-loan has been announced by the Government of India. The amount has been fixed at three crores and-a-half, bearing interest at 3½ per cent. The days of 5 and 4½ per cent. are gone ; but most people were not prepared so soon for a three-and-a-half per cent. loan. The four-and-a-half per cent. loan is to be paid off by the 14th October. The aggregate amount is a crore-and-a-half, and the new loan will be partly utilized in meeting this liability. There can be little doubt that the new loan will be accepted, at a fair average rate. The decrease in the rate of interest on the public debt is a sign of increasing confidence in the stability of Government, as well as of their growing credit. The closing of the mints will no doubt keep the money-market tight, but it is probable that money will nevertheless be available for investment in the new loan. The bad outlook of the China trade will divert a considerable portion of the money invested in mill shares to this investment. People will prefer the certainty of a small return on their capital to the dangerous uncertainties of share dividends. If the loan is to be issued shortly after the rains, the time will be favourable for it, because it will be before the commencement of the busy trade season. This reason, too, will operate in favor of the loan. On the day of the announcement of this loan, a Reuter's telegram has also appeared in the papers, stating that the 3 per cent. Indian sterling loan of £1,300,000 to provide funds to discharge the Oudh-Rohilkund and the South Indian Railway debentures has been covered twice over. So the credit of the Indian Government is, at least, as high in England as it is in India.

AN ALLEGED "UNFORTUNATE DECISION" OF GOVERNMENT.

The *Gujerati* writes : Educated Indians are often held up to ridicule for not devoting their talents and energy to original work in some branch of learning. The reproach is not perhaps entirely undeserved. But the opportunities and facilities for original research in India are under the present circumstances practically few and out of the reach of many university men with their limited means. It is, therefore, a matter of deep regret to us to learn that the local Government has declined to place the old records of the Peishwas at the disposal of Rao Bahadur Mahadev Govind Ranade who is engaged upon composing a history of the Mahrattas. It would be impossible to point out an Indian of his historical erudition, comprehensive grasp, and of what Sir Alexander Grant once called his colossal intellect. Very likely he will be assisted in his work by the Hon. Mr. Justice Telang. Lord Harris' Government could have safely relied upon the ability and integrity of two such eminent scholars in the proper use of the historical records, if they had been placed at their disposal. The present case is a typical illustration of the distrustful attitude [illegible] Government even towards the ablest Indians. Natives have not much faith in the current text-books on Indian history, and nothing will shake it more completely than the refusal of Government to help Messrs. Ranade and Telang by placing the required materials in their hands. Old records in the official archives were entrusted by Government to Professor Forest for selection and examination, and it would be impossible to believe were it not an undeniable fact that the very same Government has withheld historical documents from two native scholars, so universally esteemed and respected for their ability and learning. A greater scandal it is difficult to conceive, and a more discreditable thing Government could not have possibly done, and we hope Government will yet reconsider their unfortunate decision.

THE NEW CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

The *Indu Prakash* writes : The object of the legislation—as far as we could gather the intention of the Government through their words and acts—was to keep a stable exchange first at 1s. 4d. and then at such higher ratio as the Government may think proper. No official explanation was needed to point out that fact. The explanation of the action of the Secretary of State is simple enough. Had he held out, the exchange would have gone up and as soon as the ratio had reached above 1s. 4d. sovereigns would have come here at a rapid pace. It is not the interest of the London Banks to decrease their reserve of gold, and hence the pressure on the Secretary of State who was too willing to sell the Bills below 1s. 4d. What a beautiful example of how these people safeguard the interests of the Indian taxpayer ! They appreciate the rupee presumably to avoid the deficit owing to the low exchange, and the fist act they do is to prevent the deficit being made up ; for, here comes another consideration—the interest of city merchants. The hot haste of the Indian Government and the cool and calculated action of the Secretary of State afford not a bad example of the way in which the interests of the Indians are sacrificed to the interests of the English merchant.

THE BOMBAY HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The *Rast Goftar* remarks : The Bombay High Schools Athletic Association may be considered to have started under happy auspices, as it has received the sympathy and support of some influential and highly-placed members of the European community. Mr. Justice Fulton presided, and, besides himself, the others who did the speaking were Mr. Acworth and the Ven. Archdeacon Goldwyer Lewis. The value of athletic sports is generally admitted in this country, though the natives are not so very ready to take to the physical exercise which they extol in the abstract. As Mr. Acworth remarked, the tendency in this country in regard to physical exertion is distinctly opposed to what it is in England. The cause of it is the great difference in climate. The climate of India produces langour, laziness and enervation ; but that is just the reason why active physical efforts should be made to shake it off. It is now many years since natives had an aversion to physical exercises. They thought that gymnastics were only for the vulgar, and that the exercise had a tendency to make ruffians and bullies of those who took to it. This impression no longer prevails among them. They are now gradually coming round to the opinion that moral and physical soundness and strength stand in harmonious relation to each other. The moral nature derives its sustenance and support from a sound body better than from an unsound body—a proposition which it was in the fitness of things that the Rev. Archdeacon should urge in his speech. Irritability, he said, is much aggravated when the liver is out of order.

A HIGH COURT JUDGESHIP.

The *Natives Opinion* says : Rumour has it that Mr. Justice Telang is going on a year's furlough, and consequently there is much canvassing and great scramble too for the post. To honours of a High Court Judgeship who would not aspire and who would not, if possible, endeavour to tap Government conscience in that connection ? To us the choice seems to lie between two Government officials ; but if ability, long service, considerable judicial experience, University distinction, and position in society were any qualification for such honour, then the mantle of judgeship must legitimately fall on the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. G. Ranade. His abilities are of a far superior order and should have placed him on the Bench long ere this ; but somehow, though there were many an opportunity, the honour was on every occasion deferred from him. How and why should such pre-eminent abilities come to be ignored must be known only to the keeper of Government conscience. But it cannot be forgotten that even in the interests of Government, recognition of such eminent abilities is pre-eminently desirable. If Government still hobbles between decision and indecision in this connection, the only possible inference that may be drawn is that Government is determined not to prefer solid gold. When even the subordinate judicial service is required to be manned by well qualified men, how much more necessary is it for the High Court Bench to be manned *only* by first-class men. We have every hope, therefore, that the Government of Lord Harris will not lose this opportunity to honour the Rao Bahadur with the post which is simply his due.

OUR COTTON INDUSTRY.

The *Kaiser-i-Hind* discourses : The Mill-owners of the city met together on Tuesday last to consider the best practical means of minimising the depressing effects caused by the amended currency legislation on their yarn trade with China. Last week, we referred to the dislocation of that trade and the extent to which the closing of the Indian mints had led to a fall in the par of exchange between the Rupee and the Dollar. It is yet premature to form any judgment as to the ultimate effects of the new currency nostrum which the combined unwisdom and selfishness of our rulers have thrust down the throat of the Indian ryot and the Indian trader. A sufficient time must elapse before prices can adjust themselves to the altered conditions of the currency. In the present case, it is to be feared, the interval may be longer than usual. Having regard to the fact that the United States exercise the most potent influence on the Indo-Chinese trade, and that those States are on the eve of taking a new departure in their own currency laws, it is not easy to fix the period when we might witness the end of the economic revolution which commenced in this country just three weeks ago. The period of adjustment may be long or short according to the character of the legislation which may be introduced by the Government of the United States in the House of Representatives on the sixth of next month. There is such a sharp conflict of interests, each interest being more or less well represented in the Congress itself, that it is not possible to forecast the remedy which might ultimately find favour with a majority of the representatives.

## THE SIMULTANEOUS EXAMINATIONS' QUESTION.

IN connection with the agitation regarding simultaneous examinations in England and India for the Civil Service, the *Pioneer* writes : We have already pointed out what was obvious at a glance, that Bengalis would reap all the advantages of such a "reform," with a few Parsis and an occasional Mahratta or Madrassi to come in at the tail of the banquet. The robuster races of Upper India would have no chance in competitive examinations, and they would certainly be solely aggrieved with the Government on this score. If confirmation of this view is wanted, it will be found in the Civil Lists of the last twenty years. The first native to enter the Service by open competition in England was Satyendra Nath Tagore, a Bengali, now a Sessions Judge in Bombay. He joined in 1864, and three other Bengalis came on the strength in 1871. In the next year a Mahratta Brahmin and an Assamese (Hindu) appeared on the scene—both of whom are dead. Then, later, came two Bengalis, a solitary Madrasi (Hindu), and three Parsis. This was up to 1884. Since then eleven other natives have joined, of whom no less then seven belong to the Bengali race, excluding a Patna Mahomedan. Of the other three, two hail from Bombay and one from Madras. No native candidates were successful at the open examination in 1891, but two Bengalis passed in the following year and will come out in due course. Summarising these figures we find that out of the total of 25 no fewer than 15 are Bengalis. Not a single native of the North-West Provinces, Oudh, the Punjab, Sind or the Central Provinces has entered the Service. Examining the figures in another way, it will be seen that only two Mahomedans have entered by the gate of competition, and even one of these belongs to Patna. There would have been another Bengali on the list, had not one competitor in 1892 failed at the "final" either as regards health or riding or both. Can anything be more conclusive than these returns ? If Bengalis under the existing arrangements can thus qualify for admission to the Service what possible chance will other natives have if the examinations should be held in India itself ? The Mahomedans and Sikhs of Upper India have not a single representative, as it is, among the Covenanted Civilians, but they have accepted the position inasmuch as they see Englishmen ruling them. What would happen were the country to be flooded by Bengalis, we refrain from even surmising, for it is impossible to believe that such a disaster can ever be allowed to happen. All the same they should not remain apathetic while the subject is under discussion, for their views and opinions would be of great value at the present time when Bengal is rejoicing over the recent vote in the House of Commons.

## NATIVES OF INDIA AND THE INDIA CIVIL SERVICE.

DR. G. W. LEITNER, writing in the "Asiatic Quarterly Review," Says :—In the recent parliamentary debate on voting the competitive Examination for the India Civil Service simultaneously in England and in India, it has been assumed, both by the advocates and the opponents of the proposed measure, that it was to the advantage of that service or to that of good government if natives of India came to this country. The advocates of a proposal which has stolen a march on Parliament suggest that candidates in India, who have been successful at "the first" or "competitive" Examination should prepare themselves during three years in England for the "final" or special Pass Examination of the successful or "selected" candidates. The opponents urge that intending candidates for the "first" Examination for which most must fail, should already come to England in order to become acquainted with the institutions of this country. Both parties to the discussion, therefore, seem to take it for granted that a residence in this country is almost an unmixed blessing. From this coincidence it may be inferred that they alike represent the English, rather than the native, view of the question—In other words, that both desire the denationalisation of Indians, and that the question is merely one between Englishmen and Anglicised Indians. That the latter must succeed in a struggle on such common ground is certain, for they offer to bring the additional sacrifice of coming to England for three years in order to learn to govern India, whereas the English "selected" candidate does not prepare himself "in" India, during the probationary period, for his future work in that country. A native by birth or colour, if English in everything else, endowed with more memory and more painstaking than his whiter rival, will always, in the judgment of the British public, have, "cæteris paribus," a better chance and a greater claim to govern his own country than an Englishman.

The question of the rule of India is intimately connected with the constitution of the Civil Service, and is, therefore, one of vital importance not only to England but also the true culture of India. I consider the latter to be the more important consideration. I advisedly use the word "culture" instead of "civilisation," as a long residence in India and the active part which I have taken in "native" movements have convinced me that India is being ruined by the aping of English manners and ideas of government. This ruin will be accelerated by the increased importation, under little, if any, supervision, of natives of India into this country. The "native" rule which Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji, M.P., would seem desirous of substituting for that of the present Anglo-Indian officials, is the infinitely more "foreign" rule of denationalised natives who have lost touch with their fellow-countrymen. That this is not an overcharged statement may be inferred from the comments of the most popular Bengali newspaper upon the results of the Calcutta elections : "Look at the situation ! Under the elective system three excommunicated Hindus who have visited England will be returned to the Bengal Council and be recognised as representatives of the country. Whose representatives are they except those of a handful of men ? They have no sympathy with natives ; nor is it possible that they should have, in their education, training, manners, and customs they are the refuse of the English." There is, of course, more sympathy between an Englishman of good birth and a high-caste native who respects himself than between a high-caste native and an out-caste fellow-countryman, even if the latter call himself a "native" reformer.

Again an English gentleman by birth in an official position in India—and no other should occupy one—is infinitely more regardful of the feelings and rights of all classes of natives, than a native of a low class in a position of authority in which he can show his power of spite. It may be said that some of the cleverest Englishmen in the Civil Service belong to the lower classes, but moving in the generally higher atmosphere of their colleagues makes the vulgar assume a virtue though they have it not, and there is no doubt that the most revolutionary measures in India which are shaking our rule have been advocated by such Englishmen. But the case is very different when the "whole" of a "native" ruling class is to be composed by men, who, rightly or wrongly, have bidden defiance to what the mass of their community and its natural leaders think respectable or wise, and whose success hitherto in any one of the professions, where they have not been complete failures, does not come near the eminence and usefulness in them of those who have never studied in England at all.

There is no native barrister who is a legal luminary like Mandlik, no statesman like Salar Jang or Madhava Rao or Dinkar Rao, no scholars like Nyaratna or Rajendralala, all pillars of learning, of their people and of our Government. Indeed, there is not one of the new school who is equal to a thoroughly good Maulvi or Pandit in mental depth and strength, or who can compare with the native physicians or engineers, who have been trained by either the English or the native systems in India, whilst all enjoy better health and are less slaves to dyspepsia and wasting ambition. The immediate result of compelling natives of India to come to England will be to eliminate the governing class, or the class that has vested interests and sympathies in India. In more senses than one, pious and aristocratic Hindu communities will be handed over to out-castes. This will not affect the Muhammadan youths to the same extent, as they could, if they only chose, maintain their religion in this country, but, on the other hand, they are, with a few admirable exceptions, even less a law unto themselves than Hindus of the better castes.

## THE "PAN-BRITANNIC" AND THE UNITED STATES.

SIR HENRY M. BLAKE, the Governor of Jamaica, who is now in England, has undertaken to forward the idea, in the West Indies, of a "Pan-Britannic" Gathering. The Governor of Jamaica is, however, all for a "Pan-Britannic" Gathering, and is not desirous of the inclusion of the Americans of the United States, where he thinks the Anglo-Saxon American is a diminishing quantity. In Sir Henry Blake's opinion an Athletic Meeting, pure and simple, will not go for a second time, and any further idea of meetings and discussion will fall if the solid ground of the mutual interests of the Empire are lost sight of, and the "Pan-Britannic" scheme gets bogged in the *ignis fatuus* of American co-operation. In short, Sir Henry Blake argues that if the "Pan-Britannic" idea is to be a success, it must be carried out not only as an Athletic Gathering, but as a periodical assembly at which all the interests and forces of the Empire should be represented in as spontaneous a manner as possible.

## PICTURES IN PARLIAMENT.

PROGRESS OF THE HOME RULE BILL.

(Concluded from yesterday's "Bombay Gazette."

HOUSE OF COMMONS, JUNE 27.

OBSTRUCTION CONFRONTED.

On the meeting of the House to-day a new writ was issued for Cardiganshire, the seat being vacated by Mr. Rowlands' acceptance of the Recordership of Swansea. Mr. Gladstone arrived just before half-past twelve o'clock, his entry being greeted with loud cheers from the Ministerialists. There were only two questions on the paper, both going to the point with unwonted directness. By the first Mr. Benn asked Mr. Gladstone if he could suggest means to facilitate the clearing of the house in the Opposition lobby, and so hasten the process of dividing. Mr. Gladstone, who, appearing at the table, was again cheered, said there was no doubt that avoidable delays in the conduct of divisions had arisen, and promised to consult the authorities as to what means might be taken of abridging the process.

Mr. Woods next proposed to the Premier the problem of bringing the Committee stage of the Home Rule Bill to a close within a reasonable time—say, three weeks. Mr. Gladstone, amid enthusiastic and prolonged cheers from an impatient majority, announced that at the commencemant of bussiness to-morrow he will move a resolution for the purpose of expediting the proceedings in the progress of the Bill. The terms of the resolution were not at the moment drafted but he expected to receive them in the course of the sitting, and would forthwith communicate them to the House. In reply to a question from Mr. Balfour, he said the general purport of the resolution would be round in the principle of that passed in 1887. This was greeted with cries of "Revolution!" by the supporters of the right hon. gentleman, who, being in the Government of the day, had carried the resolution referred to.

The Committee then proceeded to attack the long list of amendments which environed Clause 5 of the Bill. The procedure was of the familiar character, the speeches, chiefly made from the Opposition, being designed to pass away the time and add another day to the postponement of the enactment of the Bill. As Mr. Gladstone complained when Mr. Hanbury moved one of his amendments, there was not the slightest link of connection between the amendment and the speech. Possibly the shadow of the approaching closure, and the conviction that the merry days of obstruction are numbered, made the talk looser than usual. A new turn was given to the debate by a severe scolding administered to Mr. Bryce by Mr. Balfour, because, in opposing an amendment, he had gone into the matter in some detail, occupying fully twenty minutes. It was, Mr. Balfour said, an outrage, a scandalous waste of time—at which there was much cheering from the Opposition. Two divisions were taken in the course of the sitting, on one the Government majority being 29, and on the second 31, a temporary reduction at which there was much cheering on the Opposition benches.

The last division brought the sitting up to half-past five, whereupon Mr. Mellor left the chair. When the Speaker took his place the House was densely crowded, and evidently in a state of excitement. Mr. Gladstone was present, but at his request Mr. Morley rose and read the terms of the resolution which will be proposed at to-morrow's sitting. The scheme, based with amendments upon that passed by the Conservative Government when driving the Coercion Bill through the House, is simple and effective. It orders that the proceedings on Clauses 5 to 8 inclusive shall be brought to a close not later than 10 p.m. on July the 6th. Clauses from 9 to 26 inclusive will occupy another week. Clauses from 27 to 40 would be concluded on Thursday, the 20th July. The postponed Clauses and new Clauses must be cleared out at the same relentless hour of 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 27th. The recital of these successive stages was greeted with laughter—(somewhat hollow)—from the Opposition benches, drowned in thunderous cheers from the Ministerialists. Mr. Morley further gave notice that at to-morrow's sitting the twelve o'clock Rule will be suspended in order to come to a decision on this motion. Mr. Balfour pleaded for more time, but Mr. Gladstone, round whose fresh appearance at the table the glad excitement of the Ministerial benches tumultuously bubbled, said the time had been reached when it became a question whether the House is to be allowed to discharge the duties with which it has been entrusted by the constituencies. Mr. T. W. Russell, with remarkable alacrity, gave notice of an elaborate amendment upon the resolution at that moment made known to the House, and the thronged assembly dispersed.

OBSTRUCTION'S LAST DITCH.

JUNE 28.

Mr. Gladstone entered the House at ten minutes past four this afternoon, flower decked and fresh from his garden party. His arrival was hailed with a prolonged cheer, smilingly acknowledged. A quarter of an hour later Mr. Balfour appeared on the scene, his supporters, not to be behind in token of loyalty, raising a cheer in his honour. The effect was sadly marred by the accident that at the very moment Sir Richard Temple was effecting his stately entry from the rear side of the House. Halting to make in his usual fashion a courtly bow to the Speaker, he, not observing the entrance of the leader of the Opposition, coloured to the roots of his hair at what he regarded as an unusually flattering reception. There were seventy-two questions on the paper, but a small proportion of general interest. When the list was completed the Speaker called on members desiring to take their seats to approach the table. Mr. Nussey, the newly-elected member for Pontefract, obeying the summons, was loudly cheered by the Ministerialists.

Mr. Balfour presaged the approach to business by asking the Speaker whether he would put the Premier's motion with reference to procedure in Committee on the Home Rule Bill in such a form that after Mr. T. W. Russell's amendment had been negatived it might still be possible to submit other amendments. Mr. Healy interposed with inquiry whether there was any precedent for the Speaker being asked to do anything of the kind. The Speaker quietly said that such a precedent was to be found in an amendment moved by Mr. Parnell when the Speaker had put the question in the form desired by Mr. Balfour, and would do so again. Mr. Howard Vincent, amid loud cries of "Oh ! oh !" asked leave to move the adjournment of the House in order to discuss as a matter of urgent public importance the danger to public property that would arise unless banks might close their doors on the Royal wedding day. The Speaker challenging for the customary forty members to support the motion more than that number rose from above the gangway behind the Front Opposition bench. Nearly an hour was wasted with the conversation that hereupon followed. On a division the motion was negatived by 297 votes against 254, a majority of 45 for the Government, which made a pleasant opening of the sitting. Another division immediately followed on the question of the suspension of the twelve o'clock Rule, when the Ministerial majority was apparently fixed at 31 in a House of 573 members. Mr. Chaplin gave notice of his intention, at a later stage, to move to add at the end of the motion words that would prevent the application of the time-table process to certain of the principal clauses of the Bill.

It now seemed that the way clear for the Premier to move his amendment. But there interposed an incident the point and peculiarity of which the crowded House was quick to see. Mr. Morley moved for leave to introduce a Bill dealing with congested districts of Ireland "Who is prepared to bring in this Bill ?" asked the Speaker in the usual formula. "Mr. Aurthur-Balfour and myself," said the Chief Secretary—a rare combination of Chief Secretaries past and present joining to bring in a Bill. The delight with which the House greeted this incident would have been complete if Mr. Balfour had left his place and accompanied Mr. Morley in the ceremony of bringing in the Bill. That, however, was a procedure forbidden by the Orders of the House, and amid cheers and laughter the Chief Secretary walked unaccompanied to the table.

It had struck half-past five when Mr. Gladstone rose to move his Resolution, which proposes to arm the majority of the Horse with power to resist systematic obstruction to the Home Rule Bill. At this time the Chamber was densely crowded, one of the few notable absentees being Lord Randolph Churchill. Every seat on the floor was taken, the side gallery facing the Treasury Bench being also thronged to its fullest capacity, whilst some scores of members, failing to find places fronting the Premier, sat in the gallery which flanks the House on the other side. The peers filled the gallery allotted to them. The head of the Bishop of Ripon peeped just above the rail of the seat over the clock, usually occupied by the more portly presence of the Prince of Wales. Others present were the Lord Chancellor, Lord Norton, Lord Colville of Culross, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Connemara, Lord Portsmouth, Lord Rookwood, and Lord Northbourne, long known in the House of Commons as Mr. Walter James. Earlier in the sitting a thread of rich colour had been interwoven with the dark mass of strangers in the gallery behind. This was formed by a muster of nine non-commissioned officers of the Indian forces, who formed part of the Queen's Guard of Honour on the opening day of the Royal Institute. These interesting visitors found the process of questioning sufficient to satisfy their curiosity and, whether by accident or design, hastily fled when Mr. Howard Vincent presented himself.

Mr. Gladstone, who was hailed with prolonged cheering, brought the enthusiasm on the Ministerial side to fuller heights when he made two declarations of Ministerial intention. The first confirmed the announcement in "The Daily News" this morning that Supply will be completed in supplement of the passing of the Home Rule Bill before the House adjourns. The second informed whom it might concern that the Government do not feel released from the pledges given to the constituencies that within the present year the most important and weighty among British measures mentioned in the Queen's Speech shall be added to the Statute Book. The Premier promised to be brief, and was as good as his word, occupying the attention of the Committee for less than half an hour. Within that time he had demonstrated not only the necessity for the action proposed by his Resolution, but its moderation as compared with any precedent. The House had already been in Committee on the Home Rule Bill for twenty-eight days, and it was proposed to allow for the further consideration of the Bill an additional twenty days. The Reform Act of 1831 had been passed in a total of forty-nine days, and just the same period had sufficed for the carrying of the Land Act of 188'. Thus the Home Rule Bill would have been in Committee within one day of the whole period alloted to these Bills, whilst, assuming it out of Committee on the 27th of July, sixty-four days in all will have been devoted to its consideration, there still remaining the Report stage and the third reading to be dealt with. Beyond the necessity of taking a new departure in order to secure the passing of the Bill, there was the question which underlay the whole foundations of our Parliamentary institutions, and that was whether or not the will of the majority is to prevail.

Once or twice in Committee on the Home Rule Bill complaint has been made of difficulty in hearing the Premier. No such drawback to the full effect of his speech was present to-night. Both voice and action were full of vigour. Twice he was interrupted by the group of members above the gangway to the rear of the Speaker's chair, whom Mr. Mellor once apologetically pleaded he was unable to see. On both occasions the Premier turned upon them with flashing eyes and brow clothed with thunderous wrath. Probably rather from apprehensions of rebuke from their own Leader than from respect for the Premier the interruptions thereafter ceased.

Mr. Balfour, like the Premier, was in his best form, dealing adroitly with a case that seemed hopeless when Mr. Gladstone sat down. He promptly took up the glove he assumed had been thrown across the table, declaring, amid strident cheers from his supporters, that so long as the Government thought it necessary to ask the attention of the Opposition to their proposals, so long will it be forthcoming. Amid laughter and cheers he boldly pleaded that no Bill had been dealt with greater brevity of speech or fuller relevancy of argument. The only long speeches he had heard had come from gentlemen intimately connected with the Bill. He delicately hinted at a tendency to extended exposition on the part of the Premier, and more directly attacked Mr. Bryce, whose speech of yesterday he described as of a purely obstructive character, designed to avert a division before the full strength of his party was mustered. Mr. T. W. Russell followed, moving the amendment upon which it was anticipated the debate should have commenced. It proposed that "inasmuch as the Government of Ireland Bill proposes to frame and enact a new Constitution for Great Britain and Ireland, under which the Constitutional rights of many of her Majesty's subjects will be permanently and injuriously affected, this House declines to sanction a proposal which directly interferes with the free discussion of that measure by the Parliamentary representatives of the people." Mr. Russell, modestly standing aside to give precedence to Mr. Balfour, lost his market, and had a very thin audience left for him to convince. About half-past nine Mr. Bolton gave some cheer to the Opposition by an acrimonious speech in which he denounced the policy upon which his election in St. Pancras had been gained. Some signs of irritation being shown by members near him, Mr. Gladstone, who had thus early come in after a hasty dinner, turned round and sharply said, "Take no notice," an evidence of indignation which drew forth hilarious cheering from the Opposition. Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett was followed by Mr. Arnold-Forster, Mr. Rentoul supplying the place of what in menus is called "the remove," a phrase here literally applicable, since the scanty audience further diminished.

It was known that Mr. Chamberlain would speak after the dinner-hour, and when word went round that he was on his legs the House rapidly filled. The right hon. gentleman was in his most acrid mood, and gave corresponding measure of delight to the Tories. This was more particularly exhibited upon his frequent personal references to his old colleagues on the Treasury bench. With humour not too subtle for the appreciation of the majority of his hearers, he referred to Mr. Gladstone as "the leader of the remnant of a party" whose boast it was, he would not say to fraudulently conceal, but to withhold the particulars of the Home Rule Bill from the constituencies. The advice to the Gladstonian candidates had been : "Get a majority, honestly if you can, but get a majority." Amid the uproar these remarks created, Mr. Storey was heard declaring that he had explained to his constituents his position with respect to the Home Rule question. Mr. Chamberlain, always apt at retort, complimented him on his thought-reading, which had enabled him to fathom the secret of what the Home Rule Bill might be. "I congratulate my hon. friend," he said, "on having found the pin." Another characteristic passage was that in which he said "I admire the artful"—here an artful pause—"Minister who drew up this resolution." "I do not know who it is," he added, with deprecatory gesture towards the Treasury bench, in response to an angry roar of protest against this style of Parliamentary debate. For himself, if the closure was to be introduced, he preferred the drastic process of 1831 (introduced by a Ministry of which he was a prominent member) with the assistance of which, as he wittily said, "the debate was carried on by carrying out the debaters." Another passage which aroused the enthusiasm of the Conservatives, who had never heard their secret thoughts so pointedly expressed, was one in which Mr. Chamberlain observed that in coming down to the House he had seen a building which bore the legend : "These premises to be sold by private treaty." "The British Empire," he exclaimed, with a fling of his arms towards the Irish members, "is to be sold by private treaty !" That the Government would come to grief he was certain, and when they perished he thought an appropriate epitaph would be. "The snakes committed suicide to save themselves from slaughter."

Mr. Gladstone sat with closed eyes throughout this animated debate, Sir William Harcourt occasionally softly laughing to himself. No Minister rising, Sir Edward Clarke hotly declared this reticence to be an unparalleled example of Parliamentary discourtesy and political cowardice. Mr. Chaplain followed this up, by moving the adjournment of the debate.

Sir Wm. Harcourt observed that it was always interesting to see Mr. Chaplin in a state of virtuous indignation, but he was at a loss to understand what had now brought it about. Mr. Gladstone had stated the views of the Government and the majority of the House on the resolution, and he did not think the statement could be improved upon. Mr. Balfour had expressed the views of the other side, and nothing had been said that added to the weight of his remarks. For himself, he had made his speech six years ago in the 10th of June, 1887, and, in view of the Parliamentary restriction against reiteration, had not thought it necessary to take part in the debate. Mr. Goschen followed in a House temperarily thin, but evidently full of fight. His heated remarks were shortened by a call to order from the chair. The motion for the adjournment was negatived by 308 votes against 279. It being now half-past twelve, Mr. Balfour interposed, and in his most diplomatic manner suggested that the House should take a division on Mr. Russell's amendment, and forthwith adjourn, deferring till to-morrow various amendments on details of the proposed arrangements. Mr. Gladstone, amid a ringing cheer, declined to accede to this proposal. The House then divided on Mr. Russell's amendment, which was negatived by 306 votes against 279. Mr. Jesse Collings rose to "discuss the main question." It was now one o'clock, and the still crowded House doggedly settled down to a struggle, which went forward till the night was far advanced.—*Daily News.*

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## WRITERS AND READERS.

The first volume of the new memorial edition of Sir Richard Burton's works, published by Messrs. Tylston and Edwards, of Clifford's-inn, will be shortly ready. It will be the well-known "Pilgrimage to Meccah," the first edition of which is now exceedingly scarce, and commands high prices in the sale-rooms. A copy which the queen has accepted will be one of twelve on hand-made paper, and will be bound in black morocco by Messrs. Riviere. The second work of the series, which should be of interest at the present juncture, is a "Mission to Gelele, King of Dahomey." This work will be ready at the end of July. The next volume will contain the story of "Vikram and the Vampire," an Eastern fairy tale, with illustrations by Ernest Griset.

Mr. Norman Gale has abandoned his intention of issuing a nother of his privately-printed volumes of verse in the autumn as he had planned, and has just arranged with Messrs. Elkin Mathews and John Lane for the issue early in September of a book entitled "Orchard Songs," in which will be incorporated the matter of the proposed volume. Mr. Will Rothenstein will design a title-page and cover for the volume, a name which lends itself admirably to decorative interpretation. An American edition will also be published.

On Wednesday after the mail left was to appear the first number of "Commerce" a new sixpenny weekly which incorporates the monthly journal of the London Chamber of Commerce, whose official organ it will be, while representing the interests of Chambers of Commerce all over the world. In addition, however, it is intended that Commerce is to be a handsomely illustrated journal, dealing with all matters and subjects interesting to commercial men in a light and popular style. Amongst other features will be a series of illustrated interviews called "Commercial Talks." The editor is Mr. J. F. Bell.

Messrs. Macmillan having issued the final volume of the new edition of the Cambridge Shakespeare, contemplate, we believe, bringing out the same work in thirty-eight volumes, large paper, one volume to be devoted to each play and one volume to the poems. Messrs. Clay and Sons, of Cambridge, will be responsible for the press work, special hand-made paper is to be used, and the volumes will be bound in red linen.

Horse-lovers will look with much interest for Captain Hayes's new book on "The Points of the Horse," which Messrs. Thacker and Co. will issue early next month. The author's reputation as a practical horseman and veterinarian is well established, but it is not so well known that he is also an enthusiastic photographer. He has designed a special camera for photographing horses moving at full speed, and nearly eighty photographs in his new work will show what he can do with it. The "Points of the Horse" will probably be the work upon which Captain Hayes would wish to base his future reputation, for it is the outcome of his life-long study of horses. It will be an elaborate and expensive work.

British journalists should be interested in a volume which Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons are about to issue. It is called "The Making of a Newspaper: Experiences of certain representative American journalists, related by themselves." The book is edited by Mr. Melville Philips, literary editor of the "Philadelphia Press." The interest of the work will depend, of course, upon who the American journalists are, and what are the experiences they relate. There is enough material in American journalistic adventures for a score of highly entertaining volumes.

The well-known firm of booksellers, Messrs. H. Sotheran and Co., undergoes a change. Mr. Henry Sotheran, hitherto the sole partner, retires after a business career of sixty years, and henceforth the title of the firm will indicate Mr. Henry Cecil Sotheran, his son, and Messrs. Charles Buckland and A. B. Railston, who are known to book buyers as the managers of the Piccadilly and Strand branches of the firm.

The three English plays by Mr. Oscar Wilde, "Lady Windermere's Fan," "A Woman of No Importance," and "The Duchess of Padua," recently announced by us as in preparation for early publication, with illustrations by Mr. Charles Shannon, by Messrs. Elkin Mathews and John Lane, will be followed by an English translation by the author of "Salome," illustrated by Mr. Aubrey Beardsley, with ten of his most characteristic drawings. "The Duchess of Padua was produced at the Star Theatre New York, in 1891, and has not, we believe, been played in England. The same firm are in negotiation with Mr. Wilde, who is living at Goring, for the publication in the autumn of a work which is expected to create considerable stir in Shakespearean and literary circles.

It is a strange coincidence that Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham should have contributed to the current number of 'Good Words' an article on "British Ships of War." One paragraph will be read with particular interest:—Ships are also constructed in multitudinous compartments, divided and subdivided by longitudinal and transverse partitions, so that the admission of water through holes caused by the piercing of the side with shot or through injuries sustained by the explosion of a torpedo would not necessarily imperil the safety of the vessel, or even render her helpless, although it would doubtless in a greater or less degree impair her efficiency. . . . . It is, I think, a recognised fact that the officers and men of the Royal Navy at the present time are no whit inferior in energy and ability, as also in skill in handling their vessels, to those who have gone before them, while it must also be admitted that they are as a class men of superior education and knowledge.

Mr. Philip Green, Essex-street, Strand, has been appointed by the Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association publisher of books of Liberal and progressive theology. He will shortly issue a "Handbook of Rational Piety," by the Rev. H. W. Crosskey, LL.D., F.G.S.; "The Beginnings of Christendom," by the Rev. W. G. Tarrant, B.A.; The Development of Theology, as Illustrated in English Poetry, from 1730 to 1830," by the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, M. A., LL.D.

Messrs. Oliphant, Anderson, and Ferrier publish a novel by Mr. George S. Green entitled "The Kidnappers," and one by Mr. P. Hay Hunter, called "Sons of the Croft."—Messrs. Methuen are about to issue cheap editions of "Mr. Butler's Ward," by Miss F. Mabel Robinson, and "A Reverend Gentleman," by Mr. F. Maclaren Cobban.—Next week Messrs. G. P. Putnam will publish a novel by Dr. George MacDonald, entitled "Maud Humphrey," and also a volume of fairy tales.—Messrs. McClure and Co. are preparing a collection of thirteen short stories by Mr. W. L. Alden, called "Told by Colonel," with some thirty illustrations by Richard Jack and Hal Hurst.—Mr. Jerome K. Jerome's "Novel Notes," which have appeared in the "Idler," are about to be published in book form by Messrs. Field and Tuer.

Messrs. A. C. Champneys and A. G. Bradley's "History of Marlborough College" will be issued immediately by Mr. Murray.—Mr. Elliot Stock announces a biographical volume, entitled "Eminent Men of Kent," by Mr. James Simson.—Messrs. Isbisters have in the press a collection of articles written by Archdeacon Sinclair, with the title "Christ and our Times."—"The Fishing Experiences of Half a Century" of Major F. Powell Hopkins, will be published shortly by Messrs. Longmans.—A biographical index of British and Irish botanists, edited by Messrs. James Britten (of the British Museum), and G. S. Boulger (Professor of Botany at the City of London College), is on the eve of publication.—The next volume, Messrs. Macmillan have nearly ready is an "Atlas of Classical Antiquities," by Theodor Schreiber, edited for English use by Professor W. C. F. Anderson, of Firth College, Sheffield.—"The Autobiography of an Old Passport, chiefly relating how we accomplished many driving tours with our own English horses over the roads of Western Europe before the time of railways," by the Rev. Alfred Charles Smith, M.A., is announced by Messrs. Digby, Long and Co.

Biblical archæology has been in lack this year. Mr. Charles's new version of the Book of Enoch continues the good record which began with the famous discoveries at Akhmim and Sinai. Though the manuscripts on which this work is mainly based have long figured in the British Museum catalogue, they have hitherto been wholly neglected; and since moreover, they differ from the authorised versions in many important respects, their publication must be held to represent a new discovery. It makes us reflect once more how many "lost" literary treasures are lying hid, not only in Sinaitic monasteries and Egyptian sarcophagi, but also nearer home. Only a few years ago critics were surprised to discover that Ephraem's lost commentary on the Diatessaron, about which there had been so much disputing, had been accessible in Armenian for over forty years! This source is still unexhausted, for we are promised, as a sequel to Mr. Charles's "Enoch," an Armenian version of "The Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs, containing scarcely any Christian colouring, and showing, we are assured, that the original of that document was entirely Judaic. And so, from many different directions, slowly but surely, "tendimus in Latium"—our Latium being that haven which if Biblical critics desire, the solution of the problem of the Gospels.

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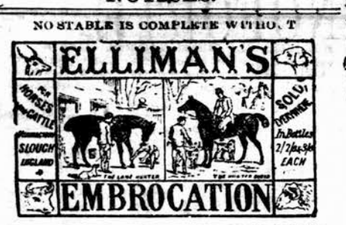


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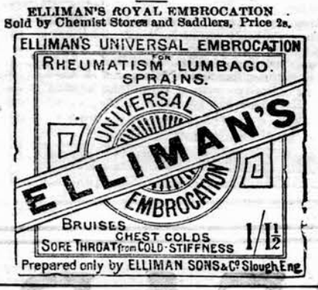

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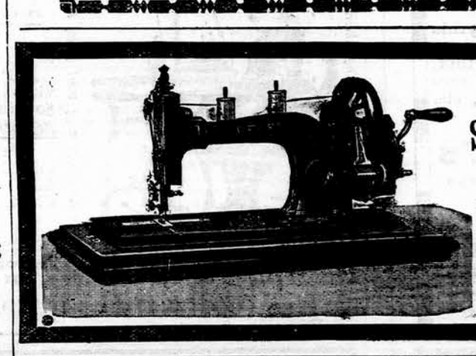

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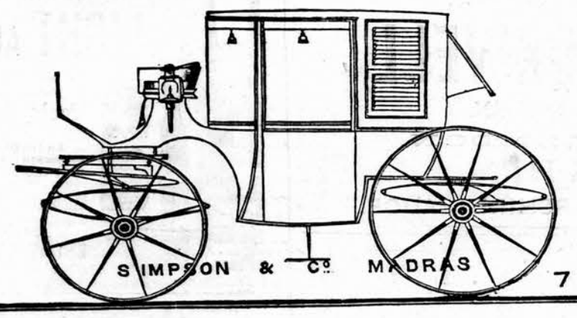


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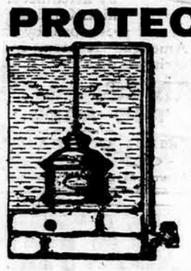

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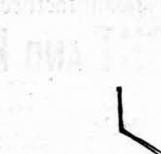

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